

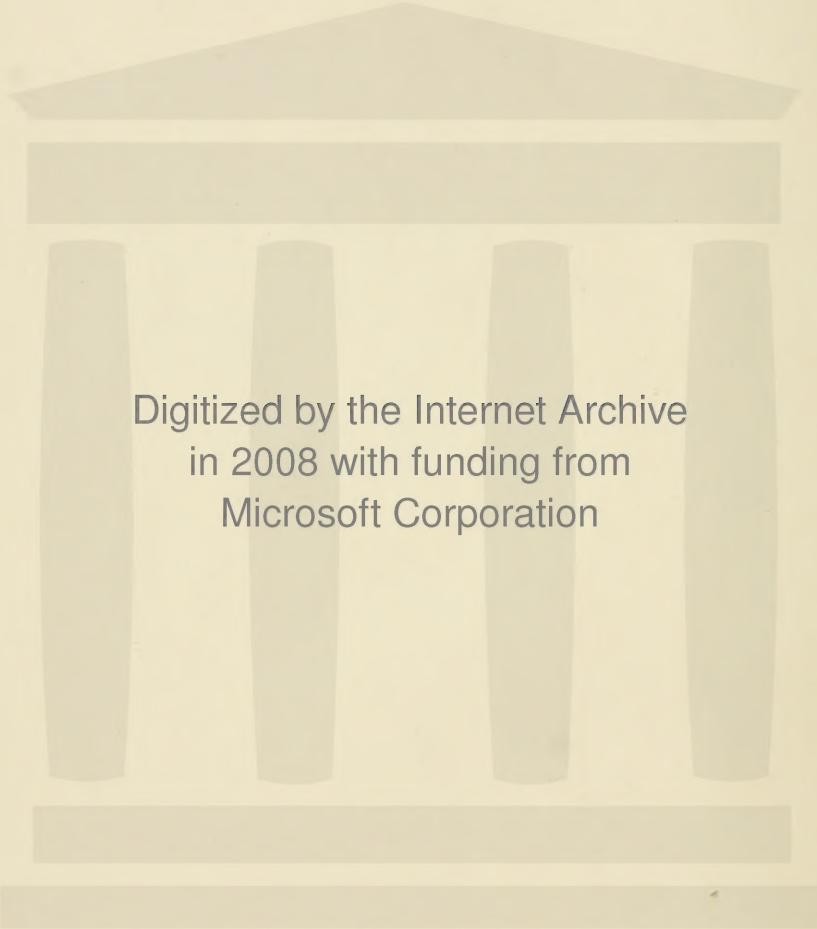
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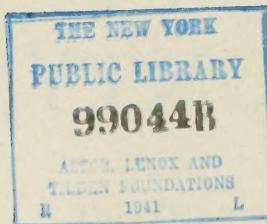
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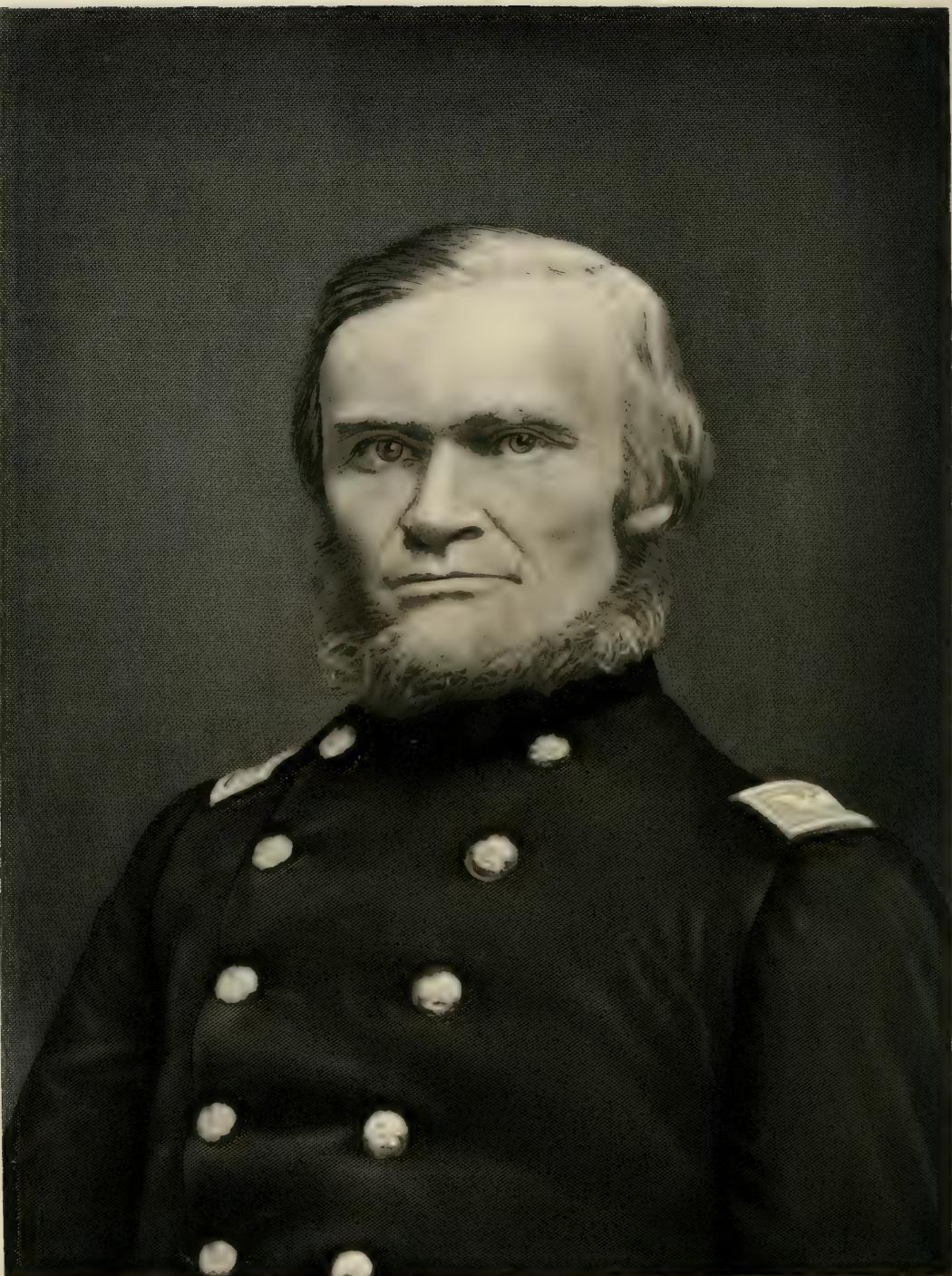
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COLONEL WILLIAM TUCKERMAN SHAW.

Colonel William Tuckerman Shaw for many years occupied a central place on the stage of public activities in Jones county and won distinguished honors in military fields, rendering valuable aid to his country in the Mexican and again in the Civil wars. Identified with the banking and agricultural interests of the state, his record is that of an honorable business man, who recognizes and uses his opportunities. In every relation of life he held to high standards of conduct and without invidious distinction he may be termed one of the foremost men that Jones county has numbered in its citizenship.

Colonel Shaw was born in Steuben, Maine, September 22, 1822, and came of one of the oldest New England families whose members were valorous, industrious and chivalrous. The Shaws were of Scotch descent. The earliest record is of Thomas Shaw, who married Sarah Gyles in Boston in 1716. Their son, Francis, was prominent in Boston and with his son, Francis, Jr., and others, received from the king a large grant of land in what is now Washington county, Maine. This grant included many islands, some of which were owned until recently by the family as a part of the land still is. Of this family Samuel Shaw won distinguished honors through his military service in the Revolutionary war and also as a diplomat and statesman in later life. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, October 2, 1754. His father, a man distinguished for intelligence and enterprise, conducted an extensive business as a merchant, and in training for life's practical duties sent his son, Samuel Shaw, to one of the public schools of Boston at the usual age. He continued his studies in a Latin school, coming under the instruction of James Lovell, one of the leading educators of that day. He manifested special aptitude in his studies and the knowledge of Latin which he acquired enabled him in after life, in the leisure of the camp and on his voyage to India and China, to become familiar with the most popular and admired Latin poets and historians. Being destined for commercial pursuits, Samuel Shaw soon quitted the school for the counting room, but the political exigencies of the age interfered with his plans of mercantile life. He had not attained his majority when his patriotism was aroused by the oppressive measures of the mother country and the restriction of American rights. Moreover, the northern part of Boston, where he resided was the abode of some of the most active and ardent spirits who gave character and impulse to the first movements of the Revolutionary war. Troops were sent from England to hold the colonies in subjection and paraded the streets of Boston. This continually excited and angered the colonists and intense feeling was everywhere manifest. Boston at that time was

regarded by the British as a garrison town and the troops took possession thereof. The house of Francis Shaw was assigned for quarters to Lieutenant Wragg and Major Pitcairn. In the meantime excitement grew and on the 2d of October, 1775, when Samuel Shaw reached his majority, he received the assent of his father to his plan of becoming enrolled in the American army, which was then collecting at Cambridge. He was thereafter an interested eye witness or an active participant in the events which finally brought about American independence. As a member of the military family of General Knox, in the ensuing November, he accompanied General Washington when he and Governor Clinton took possession of New York after its evacuation by the British. On the 4th of December of that year he was present when Washington bade farewell to the officers of the American army, among whom there was hardly a dry eye, so greatly had his comrades and fellow officers become attached to him during the eight years of sanguinary struggle that resulted in the establishment of the republic. Through the war Colonel Shaw had remained as an active advocate of the American cause, suffered the hardships and privations of the American soldier and had conscientiously performed every duty, making a military record of which his descendants have every reason to be proud. In May, 1783, he received from General Washington a testimonial of his services in the army, which reads: "By his Excellency, George Washington, Esq., general and commander-in-chief of the forces of the United States of America: This certifies that Captain Samuel Shaw was appointed a lieutenant of artillery in the army of the United States of America in 1775: the year following he was appointed adjutant and in 1777 was promoted to the rank of captain, lieutenant and brigade major in the corps of artillery, in which capacity he served until August, 1779, when he was appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Knox, commanding the artillery, with whom he remained until the close of the war, having been promoted to the rank of captain of artillery in 1780. From the testimony of the superior officers under whom Captain Shaw has served, as well as from my own observation, I am enabled to certify that throughout the whole of his service he has greatly distinguished himself in everything which could entitle him to the character of an intelligent, active and brave officer.

"Given under my hand and seal, this third day of November, 1783. Signed, General Washington, by his Excellency's command, Ben Walker, aide-de-camp." On the 5th of January, 1784. Major Shaw took final leave of the family of General Knox, from whom he received in his own hand writing the following certificate concerning his excellence as an officer: "This is to certify that the possessor of this letter, Captain Samuel Shaw, has borne a commission in the artillery in the United States of America upwards of eight years, more than seven of which he has been particularly attached to the subscriber in the capacities of adjutant, brigade major and aide-de-camp. In the varied and arduous duties of his several stations he has in every incident evinced himself as an intelligent, active and gallant officer and, as such, he has particularly endeared himself to his numerous acquaintances.

"This testimony is given unsolicited on his part. It is dictated by the pure principles of affection and gratitude inspired by an unequivocal attachment during a long and trying period in the American war.

"Given under my hand and seal at West Point, upon the Hudson river, this fifth day of January, 1784. Signed, H. Knox, M. General."

Following the close of the war and organization of the republic, Capt. Samuel Shaw was the first to receive the appointment of consul of the United States at Canton from the American congress in 1786, an appointment which President Washington renewed in 1790. Captain Shaw resided in that city for several years and for a considerable period was actively engaged in the commerce on the China and Indian seas. He made trade relations between this country, China and India a special object of study and furnished much valuable information upon the subject. His death occurred in 1794.

The Shaw family founded a settlement called Goldsboro just before the Revolutionary war and in sustaining settlers during the war much of the family fortune was spent. Francis Shaw, Sr., and Francis Shaw, Jr., the great-grandfather and grandfather of our subject respectively, died in the same year. The latter left a widow and two sons. Robert Gould Shaw, the elder son, became a millionaire philanthropist and it was to his grandson, Colonel Robert G. Shaw, that the beautiful monument by St. Gaudens was erected on Boston Commons. The younger son was William Nickels Shaw, the father of Colonel William T. Shaw. He remained in Maine, a most generous kindly gentleman, and there married Nancy Davis Stevens, a daughter of Jonathan Stevens, of English descent, who in early life was a member of the English army but afterward joined the American forces in the Revolutionary war. Jonathan Stevens wedded Mary Tracy, a descendant of Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, of the Anglo-Norman family whose ancestor Sire de Traci fought at Hastings under William the Conqueror. The family of William N. and Nancy Shaw numbered twelve children. Hannah Townsley, who was born October 14, 1814, lived in Steuben, Maine, and died in 1891. Mary Stevens, born April 19, 1816, died September 11, 1831. Francis R. G., born April 23, 1818, wedded Mary E. Moore January 26, 1843. He was captain of a bark which sailed from New York for Barbadoes and was drowned on the passage out January 19, 1846. John, born May 8, 1820, became extensively engaged in shipbuilding at Machias, Maine. He wedded Relief Antoinette Babcock April 14, 1850. William T. is the next of the family. Eliza Willard, born July 16, 1824, was married May 18, 1851, to Seomore Leighton and died February 23, 1890. George Nickels, born September 11, 1826, went to California, was married there and died December 11, 1861. Edward Blake, born August 30, 1828, lived in Steuben, Maine, until a year or two before his death, when he removed to Massachusetts and afterward to California, where he died July 17, 1850. Judith T., born April 4, 1831, died September 9, 1834. Henry Coffin, born November 9, 1833, went to California. Mary Judith, born May 8, 1836, was married October 8, 1854, to William R. H. Dutton, of Ellsworth, and they became residents of Steuben, Maine. Sarah Russell, born December 13, 1839, made her home in Steuben, Maine.

Colonel William T. Shaw was educated at Kent's Hill, a well known Methodist school. At an early age he went to Indiana, where he engaged in teaching in a private school, which was the institution that proved the nucleus of De Pauw University. He afterward went to Kentucky, where he engaged in teaching and in studying law. At the time of the Mexican war Colonel W. T. Shaw,

then a young man of twenty-three years, enlisted at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, whither he had emigrated from Indiana. At the battle of Buena Vista all of the commissioned officers of his regiment were killed. Something of his experiences in Mexico may best be gleaned from the following letters which he wrote home to his mother.

"Camp Agua, Nueva, Feb. 8, 1846.

Dear Mother:

Here I am 3000 miles from home and 100 miles from nowhere, fat and hearty and could eat a Mexican with as much gusto as I ever did a piece of roast beef. We are now 25 miles beyond Saltillo, where Gen. Taylor has established his headquarters. What our next movement will be I cannot tell, but it is believed here that our next movement will be San Luis Potosi. We have had considerable excitement in camp lately. We were turned out every night for about a week to have a fight but nobody came to fight us and so we failed to get it. Although we have had no fighting we have had some hard service. For example, your humble servant, after having been on duty three days and nights without sleep, on the fourth night had laid himself down on his blanket to get a little sleep. When I had got into a deep sound sleep, I was awakened by the cry of 'turn out, turn out!' and we turned and marched 15 miles that night to defend a pass where the Mexicans were supposed to be about to get into our rear. After having arrived there, and seeing no signs of the enemy we turned about and marched back making about 30 miles in 10 hours, which is doing very well, considering we had to carry our guns, cartridge boxes and knapsacks making in all a good load for a jack. I stand marching very well, which I was rather fearful I should not account of the lameness in my ankles.

If you cannot read this letter, wait till I come home and I will read it for you.

Your aff. son,

Wm. T. Shaw.

Superscription,

Mrs. N. D. Shaw,
Stueben, Maine."

Headquarters Agua, Nueva, Feb. 28th, 1846.

Dear Mother:

We have had a big fight and I suppose you will be pleased to hear from me and that I am safe. The battle was fought on the 22 and 23 inst. Our reg. was not engaged with the enemy until the 23d, where after running us 3½ of a mile in 5 minutes we charged upon about 5 times our number of Mexicans amidst a shower of musket balls and grape shot, but we soon made them show their backs, and the way we laid the yellow scoundrels out was the right way. We killed about 150 in less than 10 minutes, not however, without considerable loss on our side. But I have not time to give you a detailed account of the fight. But you may conclude we did some hard fighting for our company lost, killed and wounded, one third the number we took into the field. Our last charge was a desperate one. Our regiment with four companies from the Second Ill. regiment, making us about 500 men, worn down by the fatigue of the day, charged upon a large

body of Mexican Infantry, when we were attacked on our flank by 3000 or 4000 cavalry, which compelled us to retreat and a most bloody retreat it proved to us. I never knew until then, what it was to be where it rained bullets. I thought I had a chance to be hit by about 1000, but by good luck, but two hit me, and those scarcely drew blood. One grazed the skin over my eye and the other hit me in the thumb. But I thank God, I have escaped. We have been almost continually on foot for 8 days, yet I scarcely feel fatigued, and am in good spirits and health.

Your aff. son,

Wm. T. Shaw.

Superscription,

Mrs. N. D. Shaw,

Steuben, Maine."

After the Mexican war, in 1849, a company of thirty men was formed of which he was elected captain, to cross the plains of California. They went by the southern Santa Fe route, passing through Fort Smith and Santa Fe, etc. In California he engaged in mining until his health failed. Later he engaged in the lumber business. About 1851 he returned to the east via Nicaragua. Later he came to Iowa in about 1852. He did not remain here long but again passed overland, this time by the northern route described by Colonel Robert Evans in his book.

Colonel Shaw returned east via Panama and came to Iowa, where he entered land in Jones county and married May 4, 1854, Helen A. Crane, daughter of Pauline and Roswell Crane, descendants of old Connecticut families. Mr. Crane was a descendant of Jasper Crane, one of the founders of the New Haven colony about 1636, and later of the Newark, New Jersey, colony. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had two children, Helen L. and Nancy A. "Nannie" died during the colonel's imprisonment after Shiloh. Mrs. Shaw died May 2, 1867. Colonel Shaw married for his second wife, Retta Harmon, who died eleven months after her marriage. His third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Crane Higby, was a widow with two children, George Higby and Mrs. Frances Higby Dutton. Mrs. Shaw died eight years ago. From that time until his death, which occurred April 29, 1909, Colonel Shaw and his daughter Helen, resided at the family home. Before an accident, which he had sustained five years previous to his death, they made yearly visits to the old home in Maine, now owned by his nephew, Dr. Frank L. Shaw, of Machias, Maine.

Among the first of the many building enterprises in which Colonel Shaw engaged in Anamosa was the erection of the Fisher house, now the Hotel Gillen. J. H. Fisher & Son were connected with it but the colonel was the active man and hired and paid the workmen. This hotel structure was built in 1855 and 1856 and the first landlord was Amos H. Peaslee, of Dubuque, his brother Cornelius, being associated with him. This hotel was the first public building erected in this vicinity, all the business houses being in the west end of town, and it was a good deal of a venture for the investors to locate so far away from the business section. This was the beginning of Colonel Shaw's construction work in Anamosa and further details will appear later.

Colonel Shaw was largely instrumental in 1857 in the building of the Dubuque Southwestern from Farley to Anamosa, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee

& St. Paul system, and had a contract for a portion of the line. He also assisted in pushing the line on to Marion. At this point we may also state that the colonel was president of the Midland road, now a branch of the Chicago & North-Western, and through his efforts it was completed to Anamosa in 1871.

In the spring of 1861 Colonel Shaw went on a visit to Pittsburg when, hearing of the attack on Fort Sumter, he at once telegraphed Governor Kirkwood offering his service. This offer was promptly accepted and after a short visit in Maine he returned and organized the Fourteenth Iowa Volunteers, which was mustered in November 6, 1861. Colonel Shaw later becoming commander of the Second Brigade and Third Division, Sixteenth Army Corps. He led his troops numbering twenty-two hundred men, at the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and six months were passed at Mobile, Chalsa, Selma, Talladega, Madison, Macon and Libby. The regiment was reorganized in January, 1863, and General Curtis assigned Colonel Shaw to a commission to investigate the loyalty of certain prominent St. Louis citizens, with the result that a number were sent south. In April, 1863, the Fourteenth Iowa was ordered to Vicksburg to rejoin the old brigade with the Second, Seventh, Eighth and Twelfth Iowa Regiments, but when they reached Cairo, where a large number of troops were received, including three companies of new recruits of the Fourteenth, the Thirty-fifth Iowa Regiment was sent south in its place. In June, 1863, the Fourteenth went to Columbus, Kentucky, and Colonel Shaw was detached and appointed president of a court martial and later given command of the post. On the 2d of February, following, this regiment left Vicksburg on the Meridian campaign and returned on the 1st of March, remaining at Vicksburg until April, 1864.

Colonel Shaw was in command of the brigade in the battle of Fort de Russey. They marched twenty-eight miles in one day, built two bridges and at nightfall captured the fort. Joining General Banks, the brigade took active part in the battle of Pleasant Hill, Colonel Shaw bearing the brunt of the conflict and losing heavily. Though a victory was achieved by the Union arms, General Banks ordered a retreat and Colonel Shaw's brigade covered it almost the entire distance to the mouth of the Red river. In July the Sixteenth was reorganized and Colonel Shaw was made commander of the Third Division and held that important post until the muster out, the last service being the chase of Price's army out of Missouri. At Davenport, Iowa, November 16, 1864, the Fourteenth Iowa was mustered out, on which occasion the following order was issued:

"Headquarters Right Wing, Sixteenth Army Corps,
Harrisonville, Mo., October 29, 1864.

Special Order No. 132.

Colonel William T. Shaw, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteers is relieved from command of the Third Division Sixteenth Army Corps and will forthwith join his regiment at Davenport, Iowa. The quartermaster will furnish transportation for himself and authorized servants.

In relieving Col. Shaw from the command of the Third Division, prior to being mustered out, it is an act of justice to an energetic, thorough, competent officer, to say that for the last fifteen months he has been in this command as commanding a post, brigade and division.

In every position he has ever performed the incumbent duties faithfully and well, with an ability that few can equal, with courage, patriotism and skill above question. The service loses an excellent officer when he is mustered out.

By order of

Major General A. J. Smith.

J. Haugh, A. A. G."

Possibly no single event of Colonel Shaw's military record compares in significance to the "Hornet's Nest." Historians now agree that the bravery and strategy displayed by him at this time saved Grant's army from demoralization and ultimately won for the Union one of its main objects. In making special mention of this it does not detract from the glory of others, but tardy justice is not without its reward.

We quote from his message to his comrades at the dedication of the Shiloh monument these significant words: "I am the only surviving colonel of the eleven who commanded the Iowa troops at Shiloh. For the kind interposition of Divine Providence, I trust I have due regard, and today in the quiet of my home, far removed from Shiloh field, I speak to you of the Fourteenth. It is fit and proper that you and I remember our fallen comrades. It is fit and proper that our great commonwealth should erect these monuments to their memory to commemorate the valor of the Iowa regiments which upheld the flag of their country and the reputation of their state upon this battlefield."

Colonel Shaw resumed the duties of citizenship on the expiration of his term of service and his name was connected with many of the enterprises of Anamosa afterward. He was the first mayor in 1856, was on the school board for many years, a member of the legislature in 1875-6, built the old Congregational and Methodist churches, Shaw's block, where are located the county offices and court room, several of the blocks east of the hotel, nearly all the blocks between Niles & Watters' Savings Bank and Huber street, one or two on the opposite side, the schoolhouse on Strawberry Hill and a number of residences in various parts of town. Included among the latter was his own spacious, handsome home on a slightly eminence, a half mile southeast of town, from whose picturesque grounds one may gaze with enchanted vision on the broad expanse of prairie farms, groves and woodland that meet the eye at different points of the compass.

For something over thirty-five years he was the senior member of the Shaw & Schoonover Bank, now the Anamosa National Bank, and had more to do with the material growth and development of the town than any other citizen during his residence of fifty-six years. Partial blindness for a prolonged period, followed by practically total extinction of his eyesight during the last few years, made very active participation in business impossible, but the colonel thus gradually withdrawing from care, mellowed down very perceptibly from the rugged and sometimes imperious manner of address for which he was noted. But behind all of this his kindness of heart was proverbial in the care of his men in the army and was illustrated by benefactions of every conceivable kind during nearly sixty years of home life. The diamond of generous giving to the needy and helpfulness to many a man in need of help had a rough covering but it was a diamond just the same. Colonel Shaw detested the tobacco habit, was a stalwart worker in the prohibitory amendment campaign of 1882, contributed a large sum

in the building of the Welch factory, was a helper in a multitude of enterprises for the benefit of the community, and, as the Cedar Rapids Republican well says: "he was a typical pioneer and we shall not soon look upon his like again."

In his declining years Colonel Shaw was blessed with the comfort and cheer afforded by the companionship and devotion of his daughter, Helen L. Shaw. During the months in which his strength gradually failed, and long sickness was his, she was continually by her father's side to note his every want and to minister to his comfort, giving him every possible attention that a loving daughter could bestow. A contemporary biographer has said of him:

"In his personal character Colonel Shaw was modest in the extreme, readily yielding to others more credit for accomplished results than he cared to ascribe to himself. A close observer of events and a rare judge of men, through a long and eventful life, in which he had come in familiar contact with the greatest actors in a wondrous era, he was an entertaining person to meet, showing in his discourse the knowledge and discrimination of the critic and the well tempered judgment of the philosopher. Owing to his true friendship in which confidence was never lost or debased, his name is deeply engraved upon the hearts of thousands of men and women, who have known him in his early struggles, trials and triumphs. He was ever highly esteemed by all who knew him as an honest, sympathetic and public-spirited citizen. His every-day life was simple, unpretending and democratic, bringing him in close touch with all classes, whose feelings and aspirations he understood better than those who stood aloof."

"Philosopher, scholar, thinker, philanthropist, his trained mind worked with the precision of a splendid piece of machinery. Indissolubly connected with Anamosa, its rise, progress and destiny, his public services and private virtues belong to the nation, as one of its great historical characters, and upon whom the town of Anamosa has long since conferred the enduring title of 'First Citizen.'

"Statesman, patriot, soldier, friend. He died as he had lived and in a brave battle with the grim reaper he yielded at last to his first and only surrender.

"Somewhere in eternity, within some golden palace walls, where old battle scarred banners float, and Union jacks keep guard, and Grants and Shermans reign, and all the patriot heroes dwell, the old and fearless warrior has joined the armies of the ages. Amid the dawning light of a new born century, in an age of iron, and steam, and armies, and in a world of peace, weary with the weight of years, death touched his tired heart and he was borne across the great divide that separates man from immortality. Free at last from all the turmoils and struggles of a long and busy life, the old veteran is at rest."

HENRY J. BANGHART.

Henry J. Banghart is a prominent and well known resident of Washington township, who resides in Cascade, his native city, where he is engaged in the real-estate business, making a specialty of handling Kansas and Texas lands. He was born in 1854 and is a representative of one of the best known and highly respected families of Jones county, his ancestors originally coming from Holland.

His father, George G. Banghart, was born in Belvidere, New Jersey, in 1816, and came to Cascade, Iowa, on the 6th of July, 1841, where about a year after his arrival he opened a general store, selling all kinds of merchandise. In the same year he purchased one thousand acres of land at two dollars per acre, all located in Jones county, and in connection with his store he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He became an extensive stock dealer, raising on his own farm from four thousand to six thousand dollars worth of stock annually, while he was the only buyer and shipper of stock in the vicinity of Cascade for about twenty-five years. He was also the leading merchant in that city, holding a foremost rank among the business men of the community up to the time of his death. He was a stalwart democrat in politics, serving efficiently as county supervisor of Jones county for eight years and was a very prominent and influential figure in all local affairs. Although his education had been very limited, having attended school in all but thirteen months, nevertheless his was naturally a very bright mind and he kept thoroughly posted upon all matters of general moment, so that he could readily respond with an impromptu address at any time upon any subject. He was a man of much wisdom and excellent judgment, and his opinions were universally accepted as authority upon almost every question. At the time of his death he was one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the community, still owning his farm of one thousand acres, which had greatly increased in value, and also three fine store buildings. The stores and the old Banghart mansion are still in the Banghart name and will continue so as long as the first generation exists. He was a faithful member of the Episcopal church, in the faith of which he passed away on the 13th of August, 1881.

In 1837 George G. Banghart married Eliza A. Bucknam, who was born in Pontiac, Michigan, in 1821 while her death occurred on the 23d of December, 1906. She was the daughter of Caleb Bucknam, the original founder of Cascade. He platted the village in 1840, when its inhabitants numbered ten people. In 1843 he donated the two cemeteries—the Catholic and Protestant—and was a prominent factor in the public affairs of the city, aiding materially in its growth and progress. He passed away in 1879. **Unto Mr. and Mrs. George G. Banghart** were born eight children, namely: Clarkson G., born in 1839; Mrs. Carrie A. McVey, who was born in 1840 and passed away at the age of twenty-nine years; William J., born in 1847, whose death occurred in 1903; Frank S., who was born in 1850 and died in 1896; Henry J., of this review; Oscar H., born in 1858; Mrs. Mary L. Livermore, who was born in 1861; and Mrs. Fannie B. Cornell, who was born in 1863 and passed away in 1891.

The period of his boyhood and youth were passed by Henry J. Banghart in the usual manner of the lads of his time, and he is indebted to the public school system of Cascade for the educational advantages enjoyed. He was reared under the parental roof, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work assigned him at home, and upon attaining man's estate started out in the business world on his own account. For a number of years he was engaged as traveling salesman and also handled Kansas and Texas lands, but is now located in Cascade, where he carries on real-estate operations. The business which he has built up for himself in this direction has become very gratifying in its proportions and is constantly increasing in growth

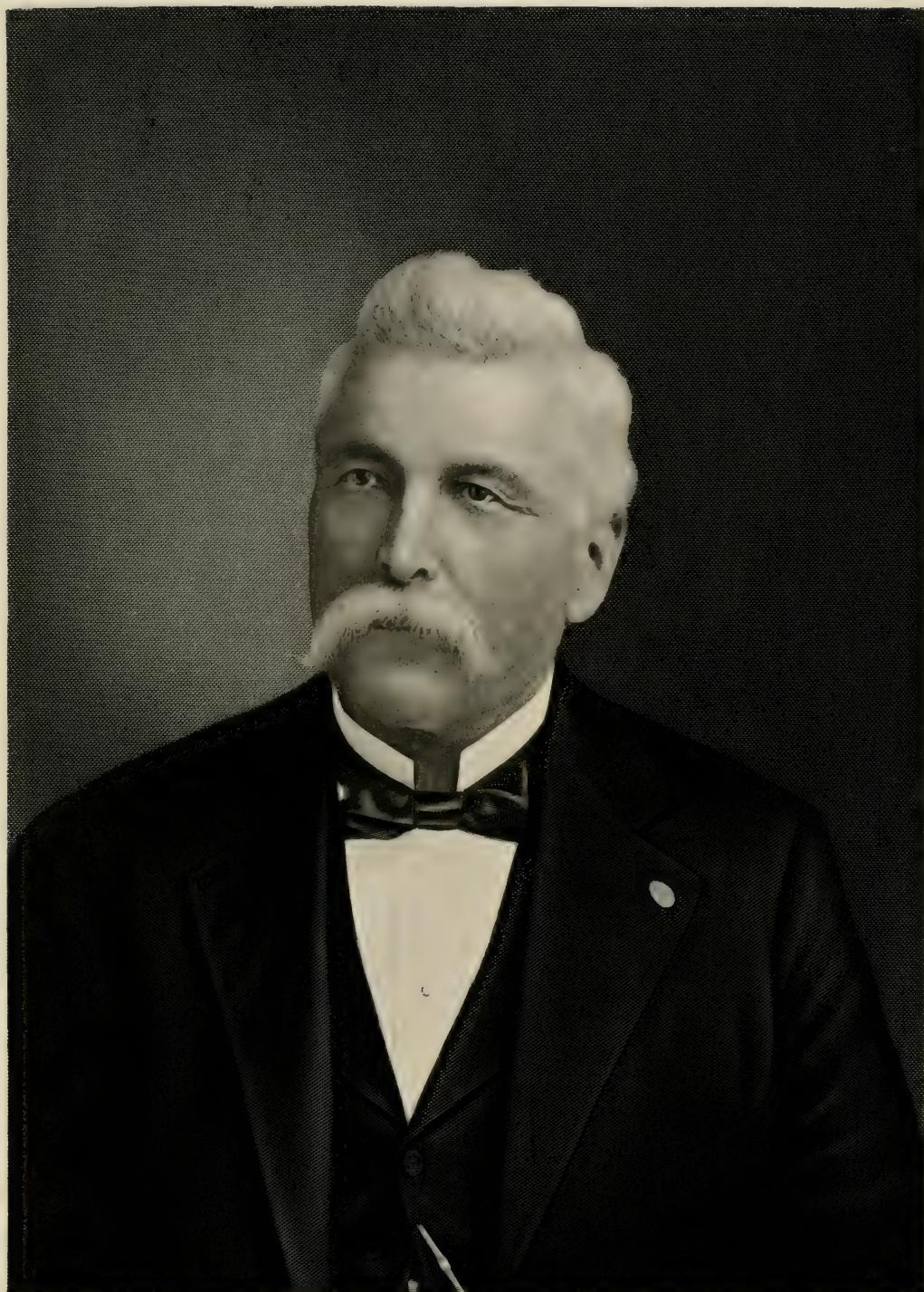
and importance. A man of resourceful ability, constantly watchful of opportunities which he improves to their full extent, he keeps in close touch with the market so that he knows where and when to buy and sell, and has therefore made continuous progress in the business world, his success indicating clearly the ability which he has displayed.

On January 24, 1905, Mr. Banghart was united in marriage to Miss Alice McGuire, a daughter of Michael and Margaret McGuire, well known farming people residing near Milledgeville, Illinois. He holds membership in St. Martin's Catholic church, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Throughout his entire life he has made his home in Cascade, covering a period of more than a half century, and his fellow townsmen know him as a straightforward and reliable business man and an enterprising and progressive citizen, who well merits the esteem that is universally accorded him.

LAWRENCE SCHOONOVER.

Lawrence Schoonover, whose memory is cherished by all who knew him while he was yet an active factor in the world's work, lives through his influence and the force of his splendid example in the lives of those with whom he came in contact. He was a man whom to know was to esteem and honor not alone by reason of the success which he achieved in business, although he became one of the prosperous residents of the county, but owing to the fact that he made business but one phase of existence, never allowing it to exclude the acts of progressive and faithful citizenship or of a recognition of his obligations to his fellowmen. Those who were associated in life, when speaking of him, pay gracious tribute to his memory for his record was one which awakened admiration, confidence, respect and honor.

Mr. Schoonover was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1828, and was the eldest son of Thomas and Sarah Schoonover. The first thirteen years of his life were spent in the place of his nativity and he then accompanied his parents on their removal to Franklin county, Indiana, where the family home was maintained for seven years. In 1848, a further removal was made to Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and thus upon the frontier of the Hoosier State during the pioneer epoch in its history Lawrence Schoonover was reared, sharing with the family in the hardships and privations which are always features in pioneer life. He continued under the parental roof until nearly twenty-one years of age and in the fall of 1849, went on foot to Naperville, Illinois, making his way to the home of an uncle residing there. In that locality, he was employed at farm labor by the month until the fall of 1853. In the meantime his uncle died and with his widowed aunt in the fall of 1853, he drove across the country in an open buggy drawn by one horse to Scotch Grove, Jones county, Iowa, looking for government land. Soon afterward he purchased three hundred and twenty acres in the eastern part of Wayne township, after which he returned to Illinois and there remained until 1856. He then again came to Jones county to make it his home, his father having removed to



L. Schoonover

the county about eight months before. In the spring of 1856, he began to develop his farm, plowing the fields and fencing the land. It was some time before the farm proved a profitable property and during the summers of 1858 and 1859, he attended school in Bloomington, Illinois, while in the successive winters he engaged in teaching at Langworthy, Iowa. In 1860, he was elected county supervisor from Wayne county, this being the first county board of supervisors. As the years came and went he continued an active factor in public affairs, whether in office or out of it, for his opinions were always regarded as sound and proved influencing factors in molding public thought and action.

Like the great majority of American citizens, Lawrence Schoonover was deeply aroused to the political situation of the country and its significance in the months which preceded the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south. Just two months after Fort Sumter had been fired upon he offered his aid to the government, enlisting on the 13th of June, 1861, as a member of Company G, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he served with distinction until September 9, 1864. After more than three years spent at the front he was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa. He was the first man from Jones county to enlist for three years. He had enlisted under the call for seventy-five thousand troops to serve for three months but for some reason was not mustered into the United States service under that enlistment. He continued with the army for three and a half years and during that time participated in a number of hotly contested engagements which were factors in the victory that finally crowned the Union arms. In 1865, the year following his return from the war, he was elected county treasurer and his fidelity and capability in that position are indicated in the fact that by reelection he was continued in the office for eight years or four terms.

Mr. Schoonover was holding that position at the time of his marriage which occurred November 5, 1867, the lady of his choice being Miss Amelia J. Tanner. They became the parents of five children but three of the number died prior to the death of the father. Those who still survive are George L. and Mary, together with Mrs. Schoonover, between whom and her husband there existed a relation that was largely ideal.

On his retirement from the office of county treasurer, Mr. Schoonover took his place in the ranks of the business men of Jones county and was soon occupying a foremost position. In December, 1873, he entered into banking circles, forming a partnership with Colonel W. T. Shaw, E. M. Condit and J. A. Bell, for the conduct of a private banking business which was carried on for a number of years under the firm name of Shaw, Schoonover & Company, at the end of which time Mr. Condit and Mr. Bell retired, the partnership between Mr. Shaw and Mr. Schoonover being maintained until Colonel Shaw retired from business. Mr. Schoonover was then alone in his banking enterprise until January 7, 1897, when it was consolidated with the Anamosa National Bank and he was chosen to the presidency of the latter, so continuing until his demise.

In Masonry Mr. Schoonover took high rank and was most deeply attached to the organization. He was initiated in Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, August 10, 1866; passed, September 7, 1866; raised October 12, 1866. He served in the

following offices of the blue lodge, namely: junior warden, 1867-69; senior warden, 1869-76, 1883-87, 1889-92, 1896-1902, in all serving his lodge as a worthy and efficient master for seventeen years. Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, December 30, 1878, by Monticello Chapter, No. 42, Monticello, Iowa, and afterward became a charter member of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, at its organization. Knighted in Order of the Temple, September 26, 1871, by Trinity Commandery, No. 16, Monticello, Iowa. Became a charter member of Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 36, Anamosa, Iowa. Served as first senior warden of Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 46. Also served as eminent commander, Mount Olivet Commandery, 1884-86. Constituted a noble of the Mystic Shrine, October 25, 1901. Joined Mount Moriah Chapter, O. E. S., No. 16, March 1, 1882. Served as worthy patron from 1892-1904.

On account of failing health, Mr. Schoonover went to California in the fall of 1903, accompanied by his wife and daughter. In the succeeding winter he erected a residence in Los Angeles and spent each winter there until the time of his death which occurred February 2, 1907, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight years, one month and twenty days. His remains were brought back to Anamosa for interment and the funeral services were held under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was so long an exemplary representative. Perhaps no better tribute to his memory can be given than in quoting from Judge B. H. Miller who on the occasion of the funeral said:

"In his young manhood we find him possessed of that sturdy determination which afterward proved his great success in life. First a determination to come to the then prairie wilderness of the great and undeveloped west. Here to acquire property and make it a productive source of income by his industry and capable management. Taking upon himself the rugged responsibilities of the early pioneer and adapting himself to the conditions of an undeveloped country, which, by such industry as his, has been developed into a veritable garden of production suited to its soil and climate. Here he first learned the lesson of economy that has been amply repaid by the accumulation of a comfortable fortune for himself and family. He further showed by his efforts to obtain an education that he fully realized the necessity of being fully prepared and equipped for any position or station in an active and successful life.

"By his early enlistment he demonstrated the enthusiastic patriotism so essentially necessary to the existence and perpetuation of a government such as ours, no doubt feeling that if it required he would sacrifice his life that the nation might not die by its dismemberment. 'Such patriots are born and not made.' His inflexible fidelity to his country and watchful care and zeal and good faith in every official position in life, won for him the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His loyalty to home, friends and fraternal relations displayed his great moral worth and won for him the admiration and love of those so associated with him. And his creed, 'Whatsoever you sow, that shall you reap,' was the strong and substantial foundation upon which he builded his soulful and manly life. He never sowed to the winds, neither did immorality of any kind or character find lodgment in his pure mind. Nothing dishonorable or untruthful was ever truthfully charged against him; but in every department of life he walked uprightly before God and man; squaring his actions by the

square of justice; ever remembering that he was traveling upon the level of time to a better, brighter and purer sphere than this. For a number of years he had not been united with any religious society, yet we find in his life many of the Christian attributes and virtues. His was a religion of works and deeds, rather than one of creeds and professions. He lived and died a manly man. His passing was peaceful and without a groan or struggle, simply falling asleep to wake in a better and brighter world. He died as he lived, at peace with his God, his neighbors and himself. As we look upon his physical face today, pale in the embrace of death, and his body serenely resting in that casket, we are again forcibly reminded that all men are born to die. These are all striking emblems of mortality and afford serious reflection to a thinking mind; but they would be still more gloomy were it not for the emblem of immortality which once bloomed at the grave of the illustrious dead and which serves to remind us of that imperishable part of man which bears the nearest affinity to the Supreme intelligence which pervades all nature and which can never, never die.

“‘Still seems it strange that we should live forever?
Is it less strange that we should live at all?
This is a miracle, and that no more.’”

CLIFFORD B. PAUL.

Clifford B. Paul, junior partner of the law firm of Miller & Paul, at Anamosa, is now making steady progress in the profession of law, while in former years he was closely and helpfully associated with the educational advancement of the county. His birth occurred in Onslow, this county, June 9, 1877, and he has therefore not yet reached the zenith of his powers, for he has not completed one-third of a century since starting on life's journey. His parents were John T. and Isabella (Wherry) Paul, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In the year 1854 they came to Iowa, casting in their lot with the early settlers of Jones county.

Rared under the parental roof Clifford B. Paul pursued his education in the schools of Wyoming until he had completed the high-school course. He was afterward graduated from Lenox College with the class of 1898 and displayed considerable literary merit as editor of the college paper. He made his initial step along professional lines as a teacher in the public schools of Coggon, Linn county, and the following year was elected county superintendent of schools, which office he filled for seven years, during which period the cause of public education was greatly stimulated by the zeal and energy which he displayed in discharging the duties of his position. He held to high ideals and worked earnestly and effectively for the improvement of the schools. He was also an active member of the Iowa Teachers' Association and was regarded as a prominent representative of educational interests in the state. During this period he also took an active part in politics, becoming recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in his district, and in 1906 he was elected a representative to the Thirty-second general assembly. As a member of that body he gave earnest and thoughtful consideration to each question which came up for settlement and

supported such measures as he believed would prove helpful to the entire community. While still filling the position of county superintendent he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice before the bar of the state in 1908. In January, 1909, he entered actively upon the work of the profession as a partner of Judge Miller, under the firm style of Miller & Paul. His laudable ambition, his studious habits and his association with one of the foremost members of the Jones county bar argues well for a successful future.

Mr. Paul is widely known and popular in Jones county, where he is identified with various lines of activity. He is a member of the honorary law fraternity of Phi Delta Phi and of the college fraternity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, belongs to the Masonic lodge of Anamosa and to various branches of Masonry, including the Mystic Shrine, while his political allegiance has been manifest in the stalwart support which he has given the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

HENRY DEARBORN.

On the roll of Jones county's honored dead appears the name of Henry Dearborn, who for many years figured as one of the most prominent representatives of industrial interests in the county, coming to this district before the advent of the railroads and entering actively upon the work of quarrying stone here. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of Mr. Dearborn to whom was vouchsafed seven years beyond the allotted three score and ten.

A native of West Compton, Grafton county, New Hampshire, Henry Dearborn was born June 14, 1829, his parents being Henry and Abigail (Spokesfield) Dearborn. He spent the first eighteen years of his life in his father's home, his time being divided between the work of the farm and the acquirement of an education in the district school. He then started in the business world by learning the stone cutter's trade at Lowell, Massachusetts, and the following year he secured employment on the construction of the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad, at Meredith Bridge, New Hampshire, his time being devoted to stone cutting and mason work. For two years he labored between Meredith Bridge and Plymouth, New Hampshire, and in December, 1849, returned home to spend the winter and attend school. School life proved too dull for his active nature, however, and on the second day he discontinued his studies and on the succeeding day engaged passage on the stage to Wells River, Vermont. He arrived there the next morning, hunted up Mr. Lewis, a contractor with whom he was acquainted, and within fifteen minutes had made a contract with him to take charge of mason work between Wells River and the village of Stevens. He satisfactorily completed the task about June 1, 1850—and had then not reached the twenty-first anniversary of his birth.

Desiring to try his fortunes elsewhere than in New England he left Vermont for Abington Green, Pennsylvania, where he arrived June 14, 1850, the twenty-

first anniversary of his birth. He immediately started out in search of employment and that day made a contract with the superintendent of the Lackawanna & Western Railroad to take charge of a gang of masons and stonemasons on bridge work. He had as many as sixty-five men under his supervision and remained with the road for eleven and a half months without the loss of a single day, the work then being nearly completed. All through his life he displayed the utmost energy, and his close application and diligence were salient features in a successful career.

The year 1856 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Dearborn in Jones county, and he opened the first stone quarry at Stone City, developing a business to which he devoted his energies throughout his remaining days. Three years passed before a railroad was built through the county, but nevertheless the new enterprise prospered, and with the building of the railroad and the rapid settlement of the locality its patronage steadily increased. His business affairs were always conducted in a systematic, methodical manner, and unabating energy and unfaltering perseverance were also factors in his progress. In later years his sons were associated with him in business, and as he passed down the hill of life they relieved him more and more of the responsibility and arduous labors that were factors in the management of the business.

On the 21st of August, 1854, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dearborn and Miss Martha H. Frankland, of South Framingham, Massachusetts. Her parents were Luke and Elizabeth (Hostley) Frankland, both of whom were natives of England. The mother died in that country at the age of forty-four years, and the father came to the United States in 1847. Mrs. Dearborn, who was likewise born on the "Merry Isle," came to America with her older brother on a sailing vessel, being nine weeks on the voyage. The father had preceded them to this country about two years, and they joined him here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn were born five sons and three daughters. Henry F., born June 19, 1859, married Miss Annie Farrell and unto them were born ten children: William James, Clarence Henry, George Franklin, Harrison Edward, Mary, Martha Ellen, Alice A., Irwin Ellsworth, Florence and Bertha. This family resides at Stone City. William N., the second son, born May 30, 1861, wedded Ora Belle Thompson, and lives in Stone City. Sarah M., born November 26, 1865, is the wife of David Gordon, a resident of Marion, Iowa, and their children are Gerald Lawrence, Henry, May Etta, and Franklin. George Edward, born July 8, 1868, wedded Miss Libbie Segrist and resided in Stone City, where he died July 24, 1889, at the age of thirty-one years, leaving four children: Laura H., Martha H., Ruth, and Frederick. Mary E., born July 8, 1873, is the wife of Edward J. Reed, of Stone City, and their children are Leota E., George E., Marion E., Sarah Dorothy, Isabelle Harriet, and one who died in infancy. In addition to the above named Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn lost three children in infancy.

The death of the husband and father occurred in 1908, when he had passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. Thus was closed a life of great usefulness. He had not only been an active factor in business circles but was an exemplary member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in community affairs took an active and helpful interest. He had become a resident of Cass township in 1856, making his early home on a farm in Cass Center, at which time

the crops were taken to Dubuque, the nearest market. All around stretched the wild prairie, and the winters were long and cold. During the second year Mr. Dearborn went to Anamosa, where he followed his trade of stone cutting and bridge building. In 1859 he opened his quarry at Stone City and for some time walked each day to and from his home in Anamosa. In December, 1870, however, he removed to Stone City to be near the field of his operations, and in all of his business life he sustained an unassailable reputation for integrity. In the legitimate lines of trade he won success and gained for himself an honorable name. In June 23, 1874, he was appointed postmaster of Stone City, which office he filled for sixteen years, and from the organization of the republican party he gave to it stalwart support. His position on any vital question was never an equivocal one, and he stood freely in defense of his honest convictions. He came to be known as a man worthy of all respect and confidence and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

JAMES E. REMLEY.

James E. Remley, who has been engaged in the practice of law at Anamosa since the 1st of July, 1901, now occupies a leading position at the bar of eastern Iowa and for the past six years has been associated with his father, Howard M. Remley, under the firm style of Remley & Remley. His birth occurred in Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, on the 24th of February, 1877, his parents being Howard M. and Mary U. (Underwood) Remley. The father, who has been a prominent representative of the legal profession at Anamosa for the past thirty-seven years, is mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. The first representatives of the Remley family in this country came from Germany about 1760, settling in Pennsylvania. In 1790 they took up their abode in Virginia, now West Virginia, while the year 1856 witnessed the removal of the family from that state to Iowa. The maternal ancestors of our subject came to this state from Rhode Island, locating at Muscatine.

James E. Remley obtained his early education in the common schools of his native city and subsequently entered the high school here, completing the prescribed course in 1896 and graduating as salutatorian of his class. In September of that year he became enrolled as a student in the collegiate department of the university of Iowa, where he won the degree of bachelor of philosophy in June, 1900, while in June, 1901, the degree of bachelor of laws was conferred upon him by the law department of that institution. On the 1st of July, 1901, he began the practice of his profession at Anamosa, remaining alone until the 1st of January, 1903, when he formed a partnership with his father, Howard M. Remley, which has been maintained to the present time, the firm being known as Remley & Remley. At the time of the organization of the firm the senior partner had just retired as judge of the eighteenth judicial district. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life, or of the underlying principles which form the basis



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of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, intuitive wisdom and a determination fully to utilize the means at hand, are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as the stern conservator of justice; and it is one into which none should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be overcome and the battles to be won, for success does not perch on the falchion of every person who enters the competitive fray, but come only as the diametrical result of capacity and unmistakable ability. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, James E. Remley soon gained a position of leadership at the bar and his practice is extensive and of an important character.

In his political views Mr. Remley is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. He is identified with several fraternal societies and has held various offices therein, being now chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias. While still a youth he became interested in the law and determined to make its practice his life work. He early displayed marked oratorical powers and took a prominent part in the activities of the debating societies both in high school and at college. He belongs to the Sigma Nu fraternity, a social organization, and also to the Phi Delta Phi, a law fraternity whose membership is based upon scholarship. A young man of genial manner, unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality, he has an extensive circle of warm friends in the city where his entire life has been passed.

THOMAS LISTER.

One of the practical enterprising and prosperous farmers of Jones county is Thomas Lister, who has spent his entire life in this locality, his birth having here occurred in 1868. His father, James Lister, who for twenty-one years was the chief mason of the state penitentiary, owned a fine farm, which the family occupied, and at the old homestead Thomas Lister spent the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he tills his fields and raises his stock. His literary education was acquired in the public schools and he was then qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He chose as his life work the occupation to which he was reared and in connection with his brother Arthur, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume, he owns and operates what is known as the Ridgewood stock farm, consisting of four hundred acres situated in Fairview township about three miles west of Anamosa. This is one of the valuable farms of the kind, its soil being rich and productive so that good crops are annually gathered. Stock raising, however, is the main feature of the place and the brothers handle a large amount of fine stock annually securing for it a ready sale on the market.

On the 1st of January, 1900, Thomas Lister was united in marriage to Miss Marie Carper, a daughter of Asa and Amanda Carper, who are natives of Virginia. The death of Mrs. Lister occurred in 1904, when she was thirty-seven years of age. There was one child of that marriage, Margaret Louise, born February 11, 1904. Mr. Lister is a member of Anamosa Lodge, No. 40, I. O.

O. F., and is in sympathy with the basic principles and teachings of the fraternity. His political support is given to the republican party, with which he has been identified since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has always lived in this county and his life of well directed energy and thrift has brought to him substantial success and made him one of the representative business men of this section.

SPRAGUE MALON HOSFORD.

Sprague Malon Hosford, son of Orlando Franklin and Alice Mowrey Hosford, was born September 10, 1872, in Castle Grove township, Jones county, Iowa, where he now resides. Orlando Franklin Hosford was born in Johnsonville, Trumbull county, Ohio, and was the son of Daniel S. and Pauline Palmer Hosford, both natives of Connecticut. Alice Mowrey Hosford was born in Gustavus, Trumbull county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Isaac and Betsy Pelton Mowrey, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter a native of Vermont. Orlando Franklin Hosford and Alice Mowrey Hosford came to Iowa in the early '60s, the former in 1861, and the latter a few years later. They were married September 14, 1865, and to them was born one child, the subject of this sketch, who now resides on section 16, Castle Grove township on a farm of two hundred acres, one of the best improved in the township.

S. M. Hosford received his education in the rural schools of Castle Grove township, with the addition of a year and a half spent in the Monticello high school. Though not having the benefit of graduating from the high school, or of attending college, he is one of the brightest and best informed men in the township. He is a keen observer, has a fertile mind and is gifted with liberal ideas.

After leaving school, he assisted his father in the labor of the farm and has always enjoyed outdoor exercises. He has always lived on the same farm, and, upon the retirement of his parents in 1900, his parents moving to Monticello where they now reside, he assumed the management. A glance at the sleek cattle, the well filled barns, the large crops, the use and practice of modern methods of farming and the general air of prosperity surrounding the premises, will speak of the degree of success he has attained as a farmer. His attention was early turned to the breeding of high bred stock, and he is now the owner of the Silverdale herd of registered short-horns, one of the finest herds of stock to be found anywhere and one of which this young farmer, as well as the people of the township, can well feel proud.

Mr. Hosford, with his native ability and successful business methods, easily attracted the attention of the people of the township, and it was only natural that they should wish the same business principles applied to the public business as this young man applied to his private affairs. For several years he served as secretary of the Downerville Cooperative Creamery. He was township assessor in 1901 and in 1902. He is now serving his fourth term as a member of the township schoolboard. Upon the organization of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association in 1908, he was chosen secretary, and the rapid progress and

present business standing of the association, stand as a vindication of the judgment of the members making this selection. With risks amounting in the aggregate to over two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars, the clerical work connected with the office of secretary, and the clear head required to keep in touch with business and keep things moving smoothly and properly, requires a man of more than ordinary ability. Mr. Hosford, in connection with his other duties, has found time to take an active part in local politics and during the past two campaigns has performed the duties of township member of the county republican central committee with the same fidelity and success as has been noteworthy in his other fields of activity. His broad grasp of affairs, his progressive farming methods, his excellent memory, his intelligent mind and practical wisdom, combined with his natural ability as a writer and a speaker, make him one of the most popular and deserving young men in the township.

S. M. Hosford and Miss Katie Irene Brown were married at Kasota, Minnesota, February 15, 1900. Mrs. Hosford is the daughter of Philander and Emily Pettis Brown. Philander Brown was born in Coldwater, Michigan, in 1838. He was a frontiersman of three states, namely: Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota. In the 40's, he resided for a time near Cascade on the Jones county border. He served in the United States army during the Indian uprising in Minnesota, and in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. Emily Pettis Brown was born in Pittsfield, Illinois, in 1844. Philander Brown and Emily Pettis Brown were married April 2, 1863. Mr. Brown died at Williston, North Dakota, December 18, 1907. Mrs. Brown is now living at Williston, North Dakota.

Two children have come to bless the home life of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hosford, a daughter, Gladys Mittylenie Hosford, born June 24, 1901, and a son, Kenneth Brown Hosford, born August 16, 1909. S. M. Hosford and family now reside on the same farm where Mr. Hosford was born in Castle Grove township. Happiness, contentment and prosperity is theirs to enjoy, and the community is enriched by their having lived in it.

SAMUEL ORR.

Samuel Orr, whose demise occurred December 27, 1875, was actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests in Clay township for a number of years. He was born in Ireland in 1831, his parents being Joseph and Agnes (Erskine) Orr, who spent their entire lives in that country. In the year 1853, when a young man of twenty-two, Samuel Orr crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up his abode in Connecticut. In that state he wedded Miss Sarah Orr, a native of Ireland, who made the ocean voyage to this country in company with her sister. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Orr enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, participating in the battle of Gettysburg. The year 1867 witnessed his arrival in Clay township, Jones county, Iowa, and here he purchased land and followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away Decem-

ber 27, 1875, in the faith of the Presbyterian church, and his loss was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was recognized as a most upright, honorable and respected citizen.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Orr were born nine children, six of whom yet survive. The mother is still living and resides on the old home farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Clay township, which is now being operated by a renter. She is a valued and devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. She is widely known in Jones county, where she has now lived for more than forty years, and throughout this entire period she has enjoyed the respect and esteem of those with whom she has come in contact, while her good deeds have closely endeared her to many.

HERMAN J. INGWERSEN.

Herman J. Ingwersen is a successful merchant of Oxford, engaged in the hardware business. He is a native of Jones county, born May 10, 1877. His father, Peter C. Ingwersen, was born in Germany, September 16, 1839, and was there reared and educated, and for three years served in the German army. He is one of a family of eight children, born unto Nicholas and Lucy Ingwersen, who emigrated to the new world in 1865, and spent their remaining days in this country. One of their children died prior to their emigration to America and four died here. When twenty-five years old, foreseeing no future in the old world for him and having heard and read a great deal about the freedom and the opportunity for advancement in this country, he decided to leave home. It was in 1864, a year prior to his parents' emigration, that he first set foot on American soil. He was in debt to the extent of one hundred dollars when he arrived here but he possessed the determination and energy that is sure to win success, and accordingly made his way to the west, locating in Clinton county, Iowa. He rented land there for several years and through the cultivation of the same acquired the money that enabled him later to buy a farm in Jones county. He engaged in the operation of that farm for a quarter of a century and then disposed of the place and bought other land, owning at the present time two hundred and fifty acres in Oxford township and he and his son own two hundred and sixty-two acres in Clinton county, this state. He also owns a nice residence property in Oxford Junction, where he is living retired.

Mr. Ingwersen was married to Miss Johanna Peterson, who was likewise born in Germany, and their union has been blessed with three sons and one daughter: Paul N., a resident of Hale township, Jones county; L. P., who makes his home in Clinton county; Laura M., at home; and Herman J., of this review. Mr. Ingwersen is a democrat in his political views but has never been active in public affairs. He and his wife were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, to which they now belong. The superiority of business opportunities and advantages in America is a fact little realized by the man who is born and reared in this country but Mr. Ingwersen, like many others of foreign birth, was quick to appreciate this fact and allowing no opportunity to pass if he could profit thereby.

he has worked his way upward to a substantial place among the **valued residents** of Oxford and Jones county.

Herman J. Ingwersen, the immediate subject of this review, was educated in the common schools of Jones county and remained on the home farm until he reached years of maturity. He then joined John Buresh in the conduct of a hardware and implement business, in which he is still engaged having bought out the interest of his partner. The industry and perservance so characteristic of the German race is strong within him and the success he has attained in his chosen field of labor is very gratifying. He is a young man of many good qualities and has many friends both in social and business circles.

Mr. Ingwersen has followed in the political steps of his father and gives his support to the democratic party, on which ticket he was elected and served for five years as township clerk. He is a member of Masonic lodge, No. 435, at Oxford Junction and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

ALBA M. FAIRBANKS.

Alba M. Fairbanks, an enterprising member of the younger generation of Castle Grove's agriculturists, was born in Cass township, Jones county, March 27, 1870, and is a son of A. L. Fairbanks, Sr., whose sketch appears in another part of this volume. He worked upon his father's farm from the time he was able to hold the lighter farm implements until he became of age, when having married he was desirous of starting a home of his own. He then moved across the road from the homestead to the land on which he now resides. In 1900, he went to Knox, Benson county, North Dakota, to take up a government claim and after three years spent upon it, the time necessary to secure his possession of the three quarter sections he had chosen, he returned to Castle Grove township, where he has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He owns one hundred and sixty acres here, separated from the home place by the township line, on which he pursued a diversified line of farming. His fields are well improved and through up-to-date methods of cultivation show no signs of diminishing fertility. He has made stock raising one feature of his operations while the fact that he has also planted about seven acres in fruit, indicates the varied character of his interests. In addition to his own responsibilities, with his brother he assists in the management of the three hundred and sixty acre farm which belongs to his father. Energetic and progressive, he has made a place for himself among the active men of the township and his success has secured their good will and approbation.

In 1891 Mr. Fairbanks wedded Miss Electa Stephens, who was born near Burlington, Iowa, and is a daughter of John and Helen (Clark) Stephens. Their union has been blessed with three children: Harry A., Helen and Lily, all of whom live at home.

Mr. Fairbanks is a strong supporter of the Presbyterian church in Castle Grove township, while in the exercise of his right of franchise he casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Indeed, he has evinced an active interest in political matters and in the local councils his opinion is accorded

no small consideration. Fraternally he is connected with the Monticello lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and among its members he has made many stanch friends, for he is a man who though successful in his own affairs is ever willing to exert himself in the behalf of those who are near to him.

THOMAS RUSSELL ERCANBRACK.

Thomas Russell Ercanbrack lives in the memory of his friends, enshrined in the halo of a gracious presence, a kindly spirit, unfeigned cordiality and strong intellectual attainment. To know him was to honor and respect him. He had a very wide acquaintance for he was one of the prominent lawyers of Jones county, was recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in the state and was equally widely known for his activity in Masonic circles and in the church. High principles of Christianity constituted the dominating force of his life and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

The birth of Mr. Ercanbrack occurred at Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, August 19, 1832, and he was about nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Byron, Illinois. Excellent educational opportunities were afforded him, his public school course being supplemented by study at Mount Morris Seminary of Mount Morris, Illinois, the Beloit (Wis.) College and in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Kentucky, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1858. He was admitted to the bar at Albany, New York, and was also licensed to practice in Illinois. After his graduation he devoted the succeeding ten years of his life to the profession of teaching, in which he manifested eminent ability. He was principal of the grammar schools of Peoria, Illinois, in 1860 and of the high school in Marengo, Illinois, from 1861 until 1865. He was also superintendent of public instruction in McHenry county, Illinois, from 1863 until 1865, and in the succeeding year was elected president of the North Missouri Collegiate Institute in Louisiana, Missouri. He acted as principal of the high school at Evanston, Illinois, in the school year of 1867, which terminated his active connection with the profession, although he remained throughout his entire life a stalwart champion of the cause of education and a warm friend of the teacher. He was ever appreciative of the service and sacrifice which the teacher renders the state and could find no language too choice and too courteous to express his unfailing esteem for those whom he often characterized as "the crown jewels of the republic."

Mr. Ercanbrack, however, determined to devote his life to the practice of law and in 1867, was graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University and in January, 1868, located for practice in Anamosa. Here he established his home, having in December, 1863, in Marengo, Illinois, wedded Miss Harriet A. Boyce, with whom he traveled life's journey happily for thirty-eight years. No closer tie of companionship and love perhaps has ever existed between husband and wife, for they were as one in all of their interests, activities and ideals. Mrs. Ercanbrack was born in Brockville in the province of Ontario, Canada, in 1839. Her father, David G. Boyce, was a native of Connecticut and removed with his parents to Canada, where he engaged in farming and merchandising. At the time



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of his death he was a money broker. He had returned to the United States and died in Illinois in 1853, when about fifty-seven years of age. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Delilah Booth, was born in New York and died in 1877, at the age of seventy-six years. She, too, was an earnest Christian, identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Ercanbrack was the fourth in order of birth.

Soon after coming to Anamosa Mr. Ercanbrack entered into partnership with Judge C. R. Scott, now deceased, and later for twenty years was connected with Judge H. M. Remley, the association being maintained until Judge Remley was elected to the bench, about four years before the death of Mr. Ercanbrack. In the latter part of 1896 he formed a partnership with Ex-Senator F. O. Ellison, being a member of the firm of Ellison & Ercanbrack until the death of the latter. He was an industrious and able lawyer, well known to a large number of the members of the bar throughout the state.

Following his demise, when the Jones County Bar Association met to give expression of their regard for Mr. Ercanbrack, M. W. Herrick said: "In all of his dealings with his brother attorneys he never violated his word or the obligations of a gentleman. His life is a magnificent example to the young attorneys now entering the profession." Judge Thompson on the same occasion said: "For a quarter of a century I have known and appreciated Mr. Ercanbrack. I have tried cases with him and against him. The facts were always well presented. He was always honest and always opposed to pettifogging and hypocrisy." As the years passed Mr. Ercanbrack built up an extensive practice, being always connected with the most important litigation tried in the courts of the district. He was always careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics. He never sought to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, free from passion or prejudice and overflowing with kindness, he gave to his client the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgot that there were certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and, above all, to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success would permit him to disregard. He was an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice and he was endeared in private life to all who knew him by the simple nobility of his character. He continued in active practice up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1901.

The motive spring of his conduct and of his relations with his fellowmen was to be found in his Christian belief. He was a faithful follower of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he long served as an officer and also as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He took the greatest delight in the work of the church and did everything in his power to further its interests and extend its influence. He was also prominent as a Mason and was in fullest sympathy with its basic principles concerning the fatherhood and the brotherhood of man. He was accorded the highest honors within the gift of the order in the state. He was grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa in 1886-7 and grand commander of the Knight Templars of Iowa in 1896. He was also grand patron of

the Order of the Eastern Star from 1882 until 1886 inclusive. He had attended seven conclaves of the Knight Templars, was for many years a thirty-second degree member of the Iowa Consistory at Cedar Rapids and belonged to El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. On the occasion of his death W. H. Norris, grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa said that Mr. Ercanbrack's demise was a great loss to the Masonic fraternity and especially to the order of Christian knighthood. He continued: "His life has been such as to command the respect of all Masons. None can truthfully write the history of Masonry in Iowa without devoting much time and space to his life. For a long period he has been the committee on fraternal correspondence and his work has been thoroughly appreciated by his brethren. He has been promoted again and again in the performance of the high duties and responsibilities of Masonry. He was one of the originators of the grand chapter charity fund of so much value to our order." In local connections Mr. Ercanbrack was equally active in behalf of Masonry. Soon after his arrival in Anamosa he was elected master of the lodge and served for four or five years, and at the organization of the Royal Arch chapter he acted as high priest for twenty-seven years. He also became the first eminent commander of the Knight Templars, performing an immense amount of work and was retained in that position for five or six years. On the occasion of his funeral many of the leading representatives of Masonry in Iowa gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed brother. Mr. Ercanbrack also belonged to the Odd Fellows fraternity.

In his political allegiance he was a republican and was often called to represent his ward in the city council. He also was active in county politics and many times served as a member of the county central committee and as its chairman. He also kept informed on the questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise, was an omnivorous reader, a close and discriminating student and possessed a remarkable memory. He was, moreover, an eloquent speaker and left the impress of his individuality upon the public thought and action. He strove to promote the mental activity of the city and stood at all times for those things which are highest and best in life.

In the absence of his pastor, Rev. J. F. Black of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. W. E. Glanville, of the Baptist church at the funeral services said: "During my residence in Anamosa I have been somewhat closely associated with Mr. Ercanbrack in promoting the literary welfare of the community. First as one of the organizers and most active and prominent members of the Cosmopolitan Club, and more recently as one of the organizers and presidents of the University Extension Club, our friend rendered valuable service. At a time of life when many are seeking an easy chair and dismissing mental activity from their attention, Mr. Ercanbrack displayed unusual intellectual vigor. Especially during the past two years he manifested a remarkable grasp of economy and of the causes and conditions governing these problems, which was a surprising revelation to his fellow members. The varied and accurate information he possessed charmed and edified his hearers. He was a gifted conversationalist. When in the mood he would pour forth reminiscence after reminiscence with a flow and a freedom, a lucidity and a dignity of language that was delightful. In the later years of his life those who were in close contact with him failed not to discern

a mellowing process going forward in his soul which regarded with charitable tendencies the failings and infirmities of others. To his friends he was stanch and loyal. Concerning one of them he made the remark a year or two since, 'I would do anything for that man; yes, anything.' As a citizen, a man of affairs, a counsellor and a friend, Mr. Ercanbrack stood as a unique personality in our community. His life, reaching nearly three score years and ten, was filled with intelligence and industry even on to its latest moment."

Mrs. Ercanbrack is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and loyal to its teachings and active in its work. At the time of her husband's death he was possessed of a set of abstract records and his widow has retained these and has since engaged in the abstract business, in which she has been successful. She was also in full sympathy with her husband's activity in Masonry and belonged to the ladies' auxiliary of the order. She became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1881 and served as worthy matron of the chapter of her own town for fifteen years. In 1886 she was elected worthy grand matron of the state and filled that position for five years. In 1889 she was elected right worthy grand treasurer of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the world and is still holding the office, having served therein for twenty years. She has also been active in other societies and is a lady of broad general culture and intelligence, well fitted for the position of leadership which has been accorded her in connection with the Eastern Star.

BENJAMIN B. BEHRENDs.

Benjamin B. Behrends, who located in Lovell township a few years ago and is now a successful farmer and dairyman here, was born while his parents were crossing the Atlantic ocean, April 12, 1861, being a son of Henry and Anna (Heiken) Behrends. They were natives of Germany and started upon their journey to the United States shortly after their marriage. For a year and a half after their arrival in this country they lived in Alton, Illinois, coming to Jones county in 1863. Here the father engaged in farming, although he was permitted to enjoy life in this section of the state for only three years, his death having occurred in 1866. His wife is still living in Jones county. Two children were born to them, Benjamin B. Behrends alone surviving, for their daughter, Margaret, has passed away.

Benjamin B. Behrends was but five years of age when his father died, so that as soon as he was able he had to assist his mother. Until he was twenty he remained at home, and then went to St. Louis to attend high school, having long looked forward to the time when he might continue the education received in the county school. After one year spent in that city he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, going two years later to Le Mars, Iowa, where he engaged in the grocery business for himself. Two years later he sold his interests there, going thence to Monticello, where he opened a store, which he conducted very profitably for eleven years. At the end of that period, however, he decided that he would like an agricultural life better, so he came to Lovell township, where he leased the

farm he tills at present. It is a tract of one hundred and sixty-six acres, which besides being fitted for diversified farming, affords a good pasture for his cattle, for he has engaged extensively in the dairy business. The venture has so far prospered very well and Mr. Behrends has every reason to be pleased with his change of occupation. Although the agricultural life and the commercial are far different in character the principles upon which he based his success in the business world are not unlike those upon which he hopes to build his prosperity as a farmer. Through years of experience he has learned the value of hard work if one is to satisfy his ambitions, and of good management if he is to win the best returns for his expenditure of effort. The capacity for these two essentials have always been among his salient characteristics.

In 1887 Mr. Behrends wedded Miss Rosie Ichenberger, a native of Switzerland. Seven children were born of this union: Henry T., Frederick, Otto, George, Benjamin, Jr., Anna M., and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Behrends died in 1898, and when Mr. Behrends married again his second wife was Miss Margaret Lubben. She was born in Germany but had come to America with her parents in 1881. Five children were born of this union: Anna Marie, William, Frieda C., and Herman and Arthur, who were twins and have died. The parents are members of the German Reformed church, while politically Mr. Behrends is always given his support to the democratic party. He has never been an aspirant for public office, however, although he takes an interest in the progress of the city.

S. W. FLAHARTY.

Public spirited and with a deep interest in all matters which tend toward the development and improvement of the city in which he makes his home, S. W. Flaharty is at present serving as mayor of Olin. He is also well known as one of its most enterprising merchants, having for several years been engaged in mercantile pursuits here. He was born in Ohio, March 25, 1849, a son of Elza and Nancy (Hazlett) Flaharty, who were also natives of the Buckeye state and removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1840. The father was a shoemaker by trade and his time was thus occupied for three years subsequent to his removal to Iowa. At the end of that period he returned to Ohio, where he still resides. The mother, however, is deceased, her death occurring in 1854.

S. W. Flaharty was reared in the state of Ohio and it was in the public schools there that he acquired the education that qualified him for teaching, which profession he followed during eleven winter terms. In 1871 he came to Iowa and for eighteen years followed farming. This pursuit, however, did not prove congenial to him and he then went to Morley, where he engaged in the mercantile business for seven years. Removing to Olin at the end of that time, he was for a similar period engaged in the drug business but eventually sold his interests in that line and once more embarked in merchandising, which he followed to the present time. He carries one of the most complete lines of goods to be found in this city and the success he has won in this field of labor is due to modern methods, push and square dealing.

Although Mr. Flaharty is busily engaged with his private interests, he finds time to devote to public affairs and on the republican ticket was elected to the office of mayor of Olin in 1908, in which position he is now serving most efficiently. For six years he served as township trustee and in this office discharged his duties in a most acceptable manner. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 245, at Olin.

In June, 1870, Mr. Flaharty was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Lamley, a daughter of William and Jane Lamley. Mrs. Flaharty is one of a family of twelve children and was born and reared in Ohio, where she made her home until the time of her marriage. She has become the mother of three sons: Edgar C., making his home in Los Angeles, California; Harvey L., who has departed this life; and R. A., at home. The family is well known in social circles, while in business circles, Mr. Flaharty is equally well known, drawing his trade from various sections of Jones county.

THOMAS DAWSON.

few are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising town of Olin than Mr. Dawson. He has been an important factor in less than three years and his prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the qualities of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that make him a man to be reckoned with. He is the proprietor of the brick and tile factory and for the past three years has also owned and conducted a lumberyard at Center Junction. A native of England, his birth occurred in that country on the 20th of March, 1849. His father, John Dawson, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1850, taking up his abode in New York, where he followed his trade of wagon making. At the end of a year, however, he left the Empire state and located in Hamilton, Canada, where he made his home until 1866. In that year he removed westward to Iowa, settling in Sabula, Jackson county, but twelve months later went to Spragueville and subsequently to Preston. After a short residence there he took up his abode in Audubon county, Iowa, where his remaining days were spent, his demise occurring in 1905, when he had attained the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

Thomas Dawson was but a year old when brought to this country by his parents. He obtained his education in the common schools and on putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the wagon shop. After attaining his majority he conducted a shop of that character in Spragueville for about two years. In April, 1874, he opened a shop at Center Junction, Jones county, and in addition to the manufacture of wagons was also successfully identified with carpentry and building interests for a number of years. For the past twenty-three years he has owned and conducted a lumberyard in Center Junction and he is the owner of the brick and tile factory at that place. A prominent and influential factor in the industrial and commercial circles of the town, he has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in

his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

Mr. Dawson has been married twice. In 1871, he wedded Miss Alice Foster, of Spragueville, Iowa, by whom he had one child—Hon. Albert F., who is a resident of Creston, Iowa, and is now serving for the third term as congressman from the second district. Losing his first wife in 1873, Mr. Dawson was again married, on the 15th of August, 1885, his second union being with Miss Della Corbet, a daughter of Miles Corbet, who died while defending the interests of the Union in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have four children, as follows: Miles H., who is in the employ of Curtis Brothers, sash and door manufacturers of Clinton, Iowa; Alice, the wife of Dr. J. M. Young; John V., a resident of American Falls, Idaho; and Minnie B., who is a trained nurse and lives at home.

Politically Mr. Dawson is a stalwart advocate of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has done effective service for the cause of education as a member of the school board for many years and has also capably served as a member of the town council, having been repeatedly elected to that body. Fraternally he is identified with Center Junction Camp, No. 892, M. W. A., and Center Junction Lodge, No. 85, Mystic Workers. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested. His salient characteristics are such as have commended him to the confidence and good will of all and he now occupies an enviable position in public regard while in business circles he has gained that material reward for labor that now classes him with the substantial and prosperous residents of Jones county.

CAPTAIN A. M. LOOMIS.

Captain A. M. Loomis, a prominent, influential and respected citizen of Wyoming, has continuously served as postmaster of the city since 1904. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, New York, on the 30th of April, 1831, his parents being Milo and Lucy A. (Greenly) Loomis, likewise natives of that county. The paternal grandfather, Aaron Loomis, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Milo Loomis, who was born in 1802, removed to Medina, Ohio, in 1833 and there followed the shoemaker's trade until the time of his demise in 1852, his death being occasioned by typhoid fever. His wife also fell a victim to that disease and died six weeks later. They left a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom A. M. was the second in order of birth and the eldest son, so that the care of the other children largely devolved upon him. All became prosperous and worthy members of their respective communities. M. B. Loomis, a brother of our subject, studied law, became a successful practitioner of Chicago and likewise served on the bench. T. G. Loomis remained in the state of Ohio, where he became a very prosperous merchant and farmer and was elected a member of the state legislature and senate. F. R., the publisher of the *Norwalk Chronicle* for many years, was well known in journalistic circles.



A. M. LOOMIS

In early manhood A. M. Loomis learned the shoemaker's trade under the direction of his father and in the year 1856 came west to Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, where he followed his trade until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted as a member of a newly organized company—Company K of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected second lieutenant, James D. Williams being made captain and Thomas Green first lieutenant. His regiment was assigned to the Department of the Gulf and he loyally fought for the Union until its supremacy had been established. He participated in many important engagements with his command, was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley and took part in the Red River campaign with General Banks. In June, 1865, he was mustered out as captain, having served with that rank for eighteen months, and he returned to Wyoming with a most creditable military record.

Once more taking up the pursuits of civil life, Captain Loomis was engaged in general farming for two years, at the end of which time he became a member of the mercantile firm of Fordham & Norton. Mr. Norton passed away in 1869 and the name of the concern was changed to Fordham & Company, thus conducting business until its dissolution a few years later. The company had been engaged in the mercantile business and also in the buying and shipping of stock, and when it was dissolved Mr. Loomis took over the mercantile department and, in association with his brother-in-law, A. E. Spitzer, established the firm of Loomis & Spitzer. Subsequently, however, the enterprise was conducted under the name of A. M. Loomis until it was sold out in 1899. Thus for almost a third of a century he was a prominent factor in the business life of Wyoming and the success which attended his efforts in this direction came as the direct result of his close application, unfaltering energy and capable management.

Captain Loomis has been married twice. In 1851 he wedded Miss Jane Briggs, who passed away in 1866, leaving two children. In 1868 Mr. Loomis was again married, his second union being with Miss Alice Spitzer, a native of Ohio, by whom he had four children, two of whom still survive. The record of the children is as follows: Josephine, who died at the age of twelve years; Jessie Fremont, who is now the wife of Dr. C. S. Shepard; Finney, a resident of Akron, Ohio; Mabel, the widow of Dr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, who was a popular physician and highly respected citizen of Wyoming and whose sudden death came as a severe blow to the community; and Milo, a medical practitioner of Omaha.

Politically Captain Loomis is a stalwart republican, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, and is an active and prominent factor in the local ranks of the party. He has capably served his fellow townsmen in the office of mayor, also as justice of the peace, as a member of the school board and in various minor capacities. Honored by election to the state legislature, he served as a member of that body in 1896, 1897 and 1898. In 1904 he was appointed postmaster at Wyoming and has since acted in that capacity, having been reappointed in 1908. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and has been the president of the Jones County Sunday-School Association, while for a half century he has served as chorister and Sunday-school superintendent in one church. In citizenship he has been as faithful to his country as when he followed the old flag on southern battle-fields, and public opinion, which seldom errs, places him in the front rank among

those who are deserving of the admiration and respect of their fellowmen. He has justly earned the proud American title of a self-made man and is now enabled to spend his remaining days in a beautiful home in Wyoming, surrounded by many of the comforts and luxuries which go to make life worth living. The period of his residence in this county covers more than a half century and he has therefore witnessed a wonderful transformation as pioneer conditions have been replaced by all the evidences of an advanced civilization.

W. I. CHAMBERLAIN.

W. I. Chamberlain, a well known and successful representative of the legal fraternity in Jones county, having practiced his profession at Wyoming since June, 1870, has also been prominently connected with journalistic interests for the past twenty-nine years as the editor and publisher of the Wyoming Journal. His birth occurred in Broome county, New York, on the 24th of March, 1846, his parents being Park and Mary Rebecca (White) Chamberlain, who were likewise natives of the Empire state, the former born in Broome county and the latter in Westchester county. In 1864, when he was forty-six years of age, Park Chamberlain came to Wyoming, Iowa, and after following farming for a time accepted a position with the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company. He remained a worthy and respected resident of Wyoming until called to his final rest March 7, 1884. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, all but one of whom yet survive.

W. I. Chamberlain supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools of his native state, by a course at Binghamton Academy. He was a young man of eighteen years when the family home was established in this county, and here he took up the study of law under the direction of his uncle, B. H. White, a prominent attorney of Wyoming. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1870, and has practiced in Wyoming to the present time, having occupied the same office since 1874. Throughout the years he has enjoyed a large clientele and has been regarded as one of the strong and able members of the Jones county bar, preparing his cases with great thoroughness and care, while the presentation of his cause indicates cogent reasoning, sound logic and comprehensive familiarity with the principles of jurisprudence. On the 30th of May, 1880, he purchased the Wyoming Journal, which had been established in 1870 and has since edited and published the paper with signal success.

In 1875 Mr. Chamberlain was united in marriage to Miss Lucy W. Witter, a native of Ohio, who was engaged in teaching school at Wyoming. Her mother lived to attain the ripe old age of ninety-three years, passing away in October, 1908. For twenty-five years she had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain. Our subject and his wife have three sons, all of whom are graduates of the Wyoming public schools and the Iowa State University. Park, the eldest, whose birth occurred in 1877 and who is a lawyer by profession, is now acting as cashier of the Anamosa National Bank. William, born in 1879, is a prominent lawyer of Cedar Rapids, practicing his profession as a member of the firm of

Barnes & Chamberlain. Ben. H., a physician of Wyoming, is mentioned on another page of this work.

Politically Mr. Chamberlain is a stalwart advocate of the democracy. He has held the office of mayor in Wyoming and has also served as a member of the town council and as president of the school board, ever proving a most capable and faithful public official. Fraternally he is identified with Keystone Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wyoming, to which his three sons also belong. He is a public-spirited man and popular, an unfeigned cordiality and uniform courtesy gaining him the warm friendship and kindly regard of the greater number of those with whom he comes in contact.

E. A. GRIMWOOD.

E. A. Grimwood, whose success in commercial lines is evidenced in his well appointed drugstore, has been numbered among the leading pharmacists of Oxford Junction for about two decades. He became connected with the business interests of the town in May, 1887, being then a young man of twenty-three years. He was born in northeastern Iowa December 8, 1863, a son of Isaac and Eliza (Moore) Grimwood, both of whom were of English birth. In childhood they had come to America with their parents in the latter part of the '20s, settling in the state of New York. Subsequently they came to Iowa, taking up their abode in the northeastern part of the state, where the father died in 1880. The mother still survives at the venerable age of eighty-six years and makes her home with her son.

E. A. Grimwood acquired his early education in the public schools. He was forced for a time to discontinue his studies, but in May, 1887, after having devoted three years to the mastery of the scientific principles which constitute the basis of knowledge for a pharmacist, he received his diploma from a school of pharmacy and in September of that year came to Oxford Junction as assistant to Dr. G. R. Moore. Other business and professional demands made upon the physician caused the management of the store to devolve upon Mr. Grimwood, and after a few months' experience in which he proved his capability, he was admitted to a partnership. Active in the management of the store from that time, his enterprise and determination were salient features in its success and the business was carefully and successfully conducted. In 1898 a disastrous fire swept over Oxford, in which the store of Mr. Grimwood was destroyed. Immediately, however, he secured a lot and erected upon it one of the finest modern store buildings in the town, the first floor being used for the conduct of his business interests and the second floor for office and lodge rooms. He has a splendidly equipped drugstore and not only carries a large line of drugs and physician's remedies, but also wall paper and house decorating materials. He gives careful attention to the wants of his patrons, and his reasonable prices, fair dealing and enterprising methods have won him a liberal and growing trade that has made his business one of profitable proportions. He carries in addition to other lines mentioned toilet articles, stationery, books and magazines, and his

close study of the public taste has enabled him to supply his store with a stock that finds ready sale.

Mr. Grimwood is not only well known as an energetic and progressive business man but is ever a welcome figure in musical circles in the town, possessing a fine voice which has constituted an attractive feature in the choir of the Lutheran church for many years and in various musical entertainments given in Oxford. His social qualities, too, render him popular with many friends, and he is well known as a member of the New Era Lodge, No. 88, K. P., and Zealous Lodge, No. 435, A. F. & A. M. A stanch republican in his political views, he exerted his ability as an organizer in the interests of his party and has been a member of and chairman of the county central committee for several years. A man of forceful character, he has left the impress of his individuality upon the public life of the community as a business man, a citizen, a musician and a political leader, and his genuine worth is attested by all who know him.

THOMAS H. DUNN.

Thomas H. Dunn, who was called to his final rest on the 7th of May, 1906, was for almost a half century actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Jones county and was well known within its borders as a most respected and worthy citizen. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of October, 1834, being the only child of Thomas and Catherine Dunn. The father, who was a stone cutter by trade, having been employed on Girard College, worked in that capacity until the fall of 1836, when he contracted lung fever and passed away. Shortly afterward his widow removed with her little son to the vicinity of Boston, where she had relatives.

In early life Thomas H. Dunn learned the wheelwright's trade, working at that occupation in factory and shop and caring for his mother until she, too, was called to her final rest. She passed away in the summer of 1848, dying suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Dunn continued a resident of Massachusetts until the spring of 1853, when he went to Providence, Rhode Island, securing employment in the machine shop of the Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Company, where he remained until the fall of 1855. He had been married in the meantime and on leaving Providence brought his young wife to the state of Minnesota, where he took up a claim among the Indians, the survey not having been accepted by the government. The year following his arrival in Minnesota he worked at the carpenter's trade at Zumbrota, helping to cut the logs for the first house that was there erected. Zumbrota was about twelve miles distant from his claim and his wife would stay alone from Monday morning until Saturday night, nothing daunted by the fact that there were two or three hundred hostile Indians in camp less than a mile from her little home. The panic of 1857 came the next year and times were very hard. Shortly afterward there began to be rumors of rich mines being discovered at Pike's Peak and every one who could get away left for the gold fields. In 1859, in company with others, Mr. Dunn and his family started for Pike's Peak, but they were late in getting

started and it was the middle of June before they reached the California trail in Iowa. Seeing so many teams returning, they believed it best to go no farther but wait until the next year when they could start with the California train, as the Indians were very troublesome. Having ox teams they were prepared to break prairie, which they did during the summer, intending to go on to California or Pike's Peak the following spring. Before that time, however, they had become favorably impressed with this portion of the country and continued to remain residents of Rome township, Jones county, until the spring of 1877. Mr. Dunn then disposed of his place to H. L. Smith and purchased the Hutchins farm of two hundred and four acres on section 19, Wayne township, which remained his home until he passed away. As the years passed by he placed many substantial improvements on the property and brought the land under a high state of cultivation, the fields annually yielding bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. The oldest house in Wayne township still stands on this farm, it having been erected in 1843 by Aaron Spencer, who utilized it as a tavern and residence. Mr. Dunn made his home therein until he erected the dwelling in which his widow now resides.

On the 19th of April, 1855, in Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Dunn was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Farnham, whose birth occurred in North Andover, Massachusetts, on the 9th of September, 1835, her parents being John and Almyra (Ames) Farnham. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, spent his entire life in the old Bay state. When seven or eight years of age Mrs. Dunn was brought by her parents to Lowell, where she was reared to young womanhood and then went to Providence and was married. Mr. and Mrs. Farnham reared a family of five children, namely: William, whose demise occurred in 1907; Henry, a resident of Boston; Sarah, who became the wife of Thomas Hall and passed away in Oregon; Mrs. Dunn; and Hiram, living in Morley, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were born eight children, as follows: William, who died in infancy; W. E., who makes his home at Plankinton, South Dakota; Mary Estella, who likewise died in infancy; Henry, living in West Bend, Iowa; John E., of Coggon, Iowa; Mrs. Grace Wallace, a resident of Cass Center, Iowa; Clara M., who married G. L. Grete of South Dakota; and Leslie, who is still at home with his mother.

Mr. Dunn gave his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to various positions of public trust. In the fall of 1894, he was elected to the office of county supervisor and was twice re-elected, remaining the incumbent in that position for nine years. He was called to his final rest on the 7th of May, 1906, at the age of seventy-one years, six months and twelve days, and as the circle of his friends was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, his death was the occasion of deep and sincere regret throughout the community.

The following is an extract from an obituary written by B. H. Miller and published in the Anamosa Journal: "At all times Mr. Dunn was of a cheerful disposition and kindness of soul that made him friends wherever he was known. He was brave and courageous in defense of the right and the truth, strong in its support, and mild and determined in his resistance to the wrong. His was not a disposition to use policy as an art, but to be politic in all things. When re-

proving anyone for an immoral act, it was in that kindly spirit that won and held the friendship of those he so advised. In every position we have known him in life, whether it were private or public, the same honorable manhood characterized him. * * * As a neighbor and friend he held and deserved to hold the respect and affections of all who knew him. In public life he was held in the same confidence and respect. In fact, so far as our knowledge and acquaintance of and with him, he was a model man when and wherever found. He was a devoted friend and always held his friendships sacred; spoke ill of no man; devoted to his wife and children and did all within his power to make life pleasurable for them." Mrs. Dunn, who still survives her husband, has now made her home within the borders of Jones county for fifty years. She is a gentle, kindly woman, charitable in her estimate of every one and her many excellent traits of heart and mind have won for her the esteem and admiration of a host of warm friends.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

Expression of public confidence came to Robert Johnson in his election to the office of mayor of Anamosa in the spring of 1909. He is, moreover, well known as a real-estate dealer of the city and is now conducting a successful business in that line. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1837, his parents being Adam and Sarah (Hazelett) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Augusta county, Virginia. The family went to Ohio in 1833 and were pioneers of that state. Adam Johnson was very prominent in the community in which he lived, exerted considerable influence in shaping the political policy of the state and was an intimate friend of George H. Pendleton. In his family were eleven children: Evelyn, who is now the widow of James Riley and resides in Ohio; Jessie, who served as a soldier of the Civil war, being captain of the Fifty-first Illinois Regiment; Robert, who was the third in order of birth; Elizabeth May, the wife of Snell Brookings, a resident of Ohio; Amos, who married Harriett Elliott and served for three years in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, after which he became an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church and died in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1904; Thomas Jefferson, who served for four years as a defender of the Union cause and died in 1902, leaving a widow who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Seeman and now resides in Jefferson county, Iowa; Emerson, who wedded Cynthia Jones and makes his home in Huron, South Dakota; William, who wedded Nellie Elliott and resides in McCook county, South Dakota; Cordelia, the wife of Joe Wagner, a resident of Fort Scott, Kansas; Elmore, a resident of South Dakota; and one who died in infancy.

Robert Johnson was reared in his father's home, where lessons of industry and integrity were early impressed upon his mind. The full story of his career is another instance of the fact that "truth is stranger than fiction." In his early manhood he was a prosperous and substantial farmer, surrounded by a happy family when through some strange irony of fate he was made the victim of a most malicious prosecution. To maintain his honor and integrity he was forced into a costly litigation, which was carried on through the courts for a period of many



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years. His entire fortune was required to meet the expenses of the law suit and the best years of his life were used in that way. He was, however, a hard fighter and through all the weary years in which the legal battle dragged on and amid all the losses and discouragements he never wavered nor had a thought of giving up. In nearly every one of the many hard trials he won the decision of the jury, but afterward some judge would reverse the decision until finally the judgment was sustained. He has lived to see his name vindicated and honored, while his enemies who were active in the prosecution with the exception of one have long since gone the way of all the earth.

The litigation in which he was involved is known throughout the Iowa courts as "The Jones County Calf Case." It is the most noted case of the character that has ever been tried in the state. Mr. Johnson had become a resident of Iowa in 1857 and was recognized as a man of excellent character, living as a prosperous farmer about twelve miles south of Anamosa in Rome township. His attention up to this time had been directed to the development and improvement of his farm and he was winning success in his undertakings, while his straightforward business methods at all times commended him to the confidence and regard of his fellowmen. In 1874 a man named Potter, then of Greene county, Iowa, with whom Mr. Johnson had had an acquaintance from boyhood days, came to Jones county for the purpose of buying calves and stated also that he would continue his journey to the east for the same purpose. He asked Mr. Johnson while he was gone to pick up some cows for him and he would take them on his return. The next day Mr. Johnson, while in the store of Coppess & Der in Olin, inquired of the firm whether they knew of any cows for sale. A stranger in the store spoke up and said he had some for sale and that they were running on the commons near Sergeant Bluff. Mr. Johnson replied that he and his brother were on their way to Stanwood and if the man, who gave the name of Smith and said he was the son-in-law of Clem Lane with whom Mr. Johnson was acquainted, would go with them and point out the calves they would look at them. The three men started and when they reached the bluffs found three of the four calves which Smith said were his. Mr. Johnson bought the calves in his brother's presence, told Smith to leave them in the Len Heins pasture and come to his house for his money. Smith replied that he must have the money that afternoon as he had been sued, so Mr. Johnson gave him what money he had and borrowed the balance from his brother to make full payment. Smith took the calves to the Heins pasture and was seen on his way by several people.

Not long afterward Potter returned from the east with a drove of calves and secured of Mr. Johnson the four he had purchased of Smith and two or three others which he had bought of other parties. By this time John Forman, a neighbor of Mr. Johnson, lost four calves and after searching for them for some time learned that Potter had taken a lot of cattle west to Greene county. Forman went there and found his calves or, at least, claimed that he found them in Potter's herd. Potter said that he got them of Johnson or some other man whom he named. Potter and Forman then came to Jones county and Forman told Mr. Johnson that he had found his four calves in Potter's herd, while Potter claimed that he thought that he got those four calves of Mr. Johnson. The last named then told how he had purchased the calves and, having implicit confidence in both Potter

and Forman, he had no doubt that he had handled the Forman calves and that they were the ones which he had bought of Smith. He told Mr. Forman that he would give him his note for the calves and that he would then have Smith arrested for stealing them. This was agreed to but before doing it Mr. Johnson insisted that Potter and Forman go with him to the store of Coppess & Der and talk with Mr. Coppess, which they did. Mr. Coppess informed them that he was present when the man named Smith offered to sell the calves. Mr. Johnson gave his note for the calves and then got out a warrant for Smith's arrest and started to find him. In order to do this he went to Clem Lane, the supposed father-in-law of Smith, who said that he had no such son-in-law and that there was no man of the name living in the neighborhood. Mr. Johnson searched diligently for Smith but was never able to find him.

At that time there was an organization in the southern part of Jones county called the Iowa Branch of the Northern Missouri Anti-Horsethief Association. Members of this association heard of the transaction and evidently thought that Mr. Johnson should be prosecuted. Forman and Potter became members of the association and through their efforts, together with those of some other members, Mr. Johnson was indicted for the larceny of the Forman calves. He and his brother then went to Greene county and had Potter point out the four calves claimed by Forman. They proved to be high grade calves and one of them was nearly white. The calves that Johnson had bought of Smith were scrubs and of dark color. Mr. Johnson then for the first time discovered that he had not handled the Forman calves at all and began to think that Potter had stolen them and laid it to him. He then refused to pay the note that he had given for the calves and suit was brought before a justice. Mr. Johnson defended on the ground that there was no consideration; that is, that he had never handled the calves at all. But after long and expensive litigation he was beaten and had to pay the note on the ground that it was in the hands of an innocent purchaser. In the meantime excitement in his neighborhood was intense. Colonel Preston, then one of the leading lawyers of the state, filed a demurrer to the indictment. While this was pending Mr. Johnson was the recipient of anonymous threatening letters. His demurrer, however, was sustained. Another indictment was found. A change of venue was taken and a trial resulted in the jury standing eleven for Mr. Johnson and one for the state. Another trial resulted in his acquittal.

Several years had passed. He had expended all that he possessed in defending himself. He then began the famous suit of Johnson versus Miller et al. The defendants were Forman, Potter, Miller and three or four other prominent farmers, whom he thought had been very active in his prosecution. The suit was for malicious prosecution and he asked for ten thousand dollars damages. After several changes of venue it came for trial and was tried twice at Vinton, resulting each time in a verdict for Mr. Johnson, but each time the judge refused the verdict. A trial was afterward held in Clinton, giving Mr. Johnson a verdict of seventy-five hundred dollars, but this the judge set aside. In Waterloo the case was tried four times, each time a verdict being returned for the plaintiff and the last trial in 1898 gave to Mr. Johnson the judgment with costs amounting to about six thousand dollars, which was finally paid. During the progress of this litigation the most prominent lawyers in the state were engaged by the respective parties

at one trial or another. It lasted nearly a quarter of a century but in the end Mr. Johnson was vindicated, and he has lived not only to enjoy the respect and good will of his fellowmen but to be honored by his fellow citizens to the highest office within their gift, having been elected mayor of Anamosa in 1909.

It was in July, 1861, that Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Saune, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Saune, natives of Ohio. The parents went to Indiana in 1842 and a few years later to Jones county. Here the mother died in 1874, while the father, long surviving her, passed away in 1908. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born a son and a daughter, Frank and Alma.

Mr. Johnson and his son are now engaged in the real-estate business and have secured a large clientele. They have handled many important realty transfers and are thoroughly conversant with property values and with the real estate that is on the market. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was one of its founders and builders and is now serving as one of its stewards. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln and he now usually votes with the democracy, but does not consider himself bound by party ties. Notwithstanding the opposition which he met with he has held to the course which he has believed to be right and the hardships which he encountered served to prove to him the strength of some of the friendships which were his. He is now numbered among the most worthy, valued and respected citizens of Anamosa and as its chief executive officer is now giving to the city a public-spirited and beneficial administration.

J. P. ELLISON.

Prominent among the representatives of business life in Jones county is J. P. Ellison of Martelle, the owner of extensive farming interests and closely associated with financial and commercial enterprises in the village as the owner of the bank and also of a large double general store. He has made rapid and substantial progress in his business career as the result of his ready and intelligent appreciation for and utilization of opportunities that others pass by heedlessly. Energy and perseverance constitute the foundation upon which he has builded his business prosperity, and the reliability of his course furnishes an example well worthy of emulation. Mr. Ellison was born on a farm three miles north of Mount Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, April 26, 1851, and is a son of Samuel Ellison, who arrived in that county in 1840 and homesteaded the place upon which the subject of this review opened his eyes to the light of day eleven years later. Samuel Ellison had been married in 1848 to Miss Mary Scott, and they became the parents of the following named: William G., who resides on the old homestead; J. P., of this review; Mrs. Ruth A. Chamberlain, whose home is north of Mount Vernon; Mrs. Mary M. Oxley, residing east of Marion, Iowa; and Mrs. Jane Platner, whose home is near Mechanicsville. The death of the husband and father occurred on the old homestead March 23, 1888, but Mrs. Ellison still survives and is now living in Mount Vernon. Samuel Ellison was of that

type of pioneers who developed the rich resources of the state and profited by their labors, which were not only a source of individual success but also constituted a potent element in the development of the state.

J. P. Ellison was reared on the old homestead and assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm, continuing his work in the fields as the years went by. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the common schools while his business training was of the practical character that comes with farm work.

On the 2d of January, 1884, Mr. Ellison was united in marriage to Miss Eva Newman, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman, who were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom are living in Greenfield township with the exception of Elmer, who resides in Lee county; Otis, whose home is in Linn county; and Mrs. E. E. Miller, who is living at Estherville, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have been born two children, Samuel H. and Ethel G., both of whom are at home with their parents. After attending the public schools in Anamosa they became students in Drake University at Des Moines, from which institution the daughter was graduated in June, 1907. She afterward returned to Drake University where she studied music for a year. Both the son and daughter are now assisting their father in his banking and commercial enterprises.

Mr. Ellison is one of the extensive land owners of Jones county, owning a homestead property of six hundred and fifteen acres on section 4, Greenfield township. This is valuable property and the soil, naturally rich and productive, brings forth large crops as the reward of the care and labor bestowed upon the fields. The farm is splendidly equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences and from his agricultural interests Mr. Ellison derives a substantial annual income. Seeing the necessity for a bank in Martelle he organized one, placed it upon a substantial basis and inaugurated a safe and conservative policy which has won for it substantial success. It has, moreover, proved a valuable adjunct to the business interests of the village, and that the townspeople are appreciative of the convenience which it affords is indicated in the liberal patronage accorded it. Mr. Ellison is also the owner of a large double store in Martelle in which he carries a complete line of hardware, dry goods, groceries and shoes. He also derives a gratifying income from numerous residence properties which he owns. In matters of business judgment he is seldom if ever at fault and he does not fear to venture where favoring opportunity leads the way. His judgment of men and circumstances is sound and his recognition of possibilities in the business world has led him into important relations whereby his own success has been greatly promoted while the welfare and progress of the town have likewise been augmented.

Mr. Ellison and his family are members of the church of Christ at Martelle, and the son belongs to White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K. P. Although Mr. Ellison has never sought nor desired political preferment, his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have several times called him to public office. He has served as township trustee for nine years and was a member of the school board of his district for about a quarter of a century. He has been called at two different times to serve on the United States grand jury and on

numerous occasions has been on both the grand and petit juries of the county. He is a stanch advocate of democracy, believing firmly in its principles and therefore giving unfaltering support to its men and measures. Mr. Ellison, moreover, is a man of kindly and generous spirit, befriending all who come to him in need. He gives generous support to the church and to public projects, meets every obligation of life in an honorable method and has at all times the courage of his convictions. He and his family are prominent in the social life of the community and Mr. Ellison has for long years been recognized as an influential factor here, wielding a wide and beneficial influence.

JOHN RONEN.

John Ronen, proprietor of stone quarries at Stone City, Iowa, is numbered among the men of foreign birth, to whom the opportunities of the new world have opened avenues of success. He was born in Ireland, August 24, 1846, his parents being Moses and Catherine (Cloak) Ronin, the former a native of County Wexford, and the latter of the city of Wexford, Ireland. In the year 1852, the father came with his family to America, settling in Buffalo, New York, where he arrived on the 24th of May. A removal was made to Kankakee, Illinois, and in 1857, the family became residents of Waterloo, Iowa. There they remained until 1880, when they went to Viola, Iowa. The father died February 20, 1898, at the age of eighty-six years, while the mother passed away in 1868 at the age of forty-eight years. By occupation the father was a stone cutter, giving his entire life to that work.

John Ronen, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of six summers when the family left the Emerald isle and came to the United States. He accompanied his parents on their various removals, attending school in the different towns in which they lived, and at the age of nineteen years he engaged in the stone construction business at Waterloo, Iowa, where he remained for four years. In 1875 he removed to Stone City, where he leased a quarry from Dr. Natson and engaged in cutting out stone in this way for ten years. During that time he prospered and from his earnings saved sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the quarry which he now operates. It was formerly the property of Martin Heisey and since it has come into Mr. Ronen's possession he has continuously and successfully conducted the business, being now one of the leading dealers in stone in this part of the state. His quarry produces an excellent quality of stone for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Ronen is entitled to wear the grand army button from the fact that on the 1st of September, 1864, when but eighteen years of age he responded to his country's call for troops, enlisting in Company F, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, under the command of Colonel Sommer and General O'Conner. He saw service on the western frontier, fighting the Indians through the Yellowstone and the Wyoming. He fought the Sioux on the same ground afterward made famous by the Custer massacre. He also participated in other engagements along the little Big Horn, including one battle which took place on August 24, the anniversary of his birth.

He continued in active duty until the regiment was mustered out and he was sent home. It was an arduous warfare for the tactics and military manœuvres of the Indians were unlike those practiced by civilized men, and the soldiers were, therefore, constantly on the alert.

On the 11th of September, 1869, Mr. Ronen was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Gleason, a daughter of Michael and Mary (O'Brien) Gleason. Seven children have graced this marriage: William, who wedded Prudence Hodgin and resides at Stone City; Carrie, at home; Mary, the wife of J. J. Green, a railroad conductor who was killed in an accident; John Moses, postmaster at Stone City; Charles, Anna and Walter, all at home. The family are well known in this part of the state, and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in the social circles in which they move.

Mr. Ronen is a member of Fred Steele Post, No. 4, G. A. R., at Anamosa, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and has always been the party of reform and progress. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. He is known as a successful, enterprising business man, who owes his advancement in commercial lines to his own efforts. He has worked earnestly and persistently to achieve the prosperity which he now enjoys, and his labor and reliability have brought to him gratifying success.

GEORGE L. SCHOONOVER.

Few among the younger generation of men today have played a more conspicuous part in the financial prosperity of Anamosa than has George L. Schoonover. Not only has he evinced that fidelity to duty which has characterized those who have risen high in the affairs of the world, but he possesses those qualities of enterprise and organization, which, having been so early brought into a healthy exertion, should bring him to even larger fields than those which now know his labors. One of the native sons of Anamosa, he was born February 7, 1880, his parents being Lawrence and Amelia J. (Tanner) Schoonover.

During the early years of his life, George L. Schoonover was a pupil in the public schools of Anamosa, from which he was graduated in June, 1895. Thereupon he entered the Iowa State University. He received the degree of bachelor of philosophy from that institution in 1900, but returned for two years to take work in its law college, not beginning his business career until 1901, when he entered the Anamosa National Bank as bookkeeper. After having proved his ability and his trustworthiness by less than three years of industry, January 12, 1904, he was elected cashier of the institution. This afforded him an opportunity to exercise some of the power with which he felt he was endowed, and believing that the future of the bank was large, he increased its capital stock to one hundred thousand dollars and guided its destinies along such a safe channel that in February, 1907, after the death of his father, he was appointed to succeed him in the presidency. That same year he organized the Schoonover Trust Company



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with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, and has since been president of the concern. Another venture of his which has proved equally successful was his establishment of the First National Bank of Olin, Iowa, which was accomplished in the early part of 1905. Of this institution also he is president, and in his direction of its affairs has again proven that he is an able financier, a man upon whose judgment reliance may be placed, and one whose policies, while checked by a healthy conservatism, have tended in the main toward progress and advancement and the full utilization of all opportunities.

Shortly after he had embarked upon his business career, on the 29th of October, 1902, Mr. Schoonover wedded Miss Grace Lovell, a daughter of George L. Lovell, of Monticello, Iowa. Three children have been born unto them, namely: Catharine, who was born August 14, 1903; Lawrence, who was born March 6, 1906, and Donald, whose birth occurred September 25, 1907.

Politically Mr. Schoonover has given his allegiance to the republican party but has taken no part in public life. He is, however, prominent in the ranks of the Masons in this county. He joined the order in 1901, was elected junior warden of Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., in December, 1905, and in 1906 became worshipful master, an office which he filled for three years. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason by Mt. Sinai Chapter and later was knighted in the Order of the Temple, by the Mt. Oliver Commandery, No. 36. In May, 1907, he joined the DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R. and has since been very active in the Scottish Rite, being in 1909 appointed Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite during the October session. True to the nobler ideals of manhood, he is not only a successful business man and financier, but loyal and faithful friend, of the many who coming to know him intimately regard him highly for the strong traits of his character.

JOHN SEELEY STACY.

John Seeley Stacy has for a half century been a prominent and successful representative of the legal fraternity in Jones county, though he has now practically retired from active connection therewith because of his advanced age. He was born at De Kalb, New York, on the 13th of May, 1833, a son of Pelatiah and Jerusha (Tanner) Stacy. The father, a farmer by occupation, was a man of great energy, benevolent, public-spirited and successful. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of our subject fought in the Revolutionary war. One of them was taken prisoner on Long Island and for an entire winter was compelled to earn his own subsistence.

John S. Stacy supplemented his preliminary education by a course in the Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary of Gouverneur, New York, and also as a student in Union College at Schenectady, that state. He attended the latter institution during the presidency of the celebrated Dr. Nott and was graduated therefrom in 1857. Early in life he manifested a fondness for reading and during his college days he followed the profession of teaching. After comple-

ing his collegiate education he took Horace Greeley's advice and went west, locating in Iowa, where he has since made his home. Having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he immediately began studying with that end in view and was admitted to the bar in 1859. From that time until recent years, when the infirmities of age have necessitated his retirement, he practiced his profession with signal success, winning an excellent reputation as a lawyer of force and ability. He was likewise connected with banking interests for a period of ten years and he and his partner established the first bank in Jones county.

At Buda, Illinois, Mr. Stacy was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte A. Kellogg, a daughter of Rev. E. W. Kellogg, who for forty years preached in the Congregational churches of Vermont and Illinois. She is eight generations removed from Governor William Bradford and John Alden, of the Plymouth colony, and her grandfather and great-grandfather served in the Revolutionary war at the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy are the parents of four children, as follows: Marian Luella, now the wife of Dr. W. B. Skinner, of Anamosa; Edson Eugene, who wedded Miss Martha Fisher, of Grinnell, Iowa; Bertha Sybil, who gave her hand in marriage to Dr. A. G. Hejinian of Anamosa; and William Kellogg.

In politics Mr. Stacy has ever been a stanch advocate of the republican party, doing all in his power to forward its interest. He served as county judge for one term, held the office of mayor at Anamosa, acted as a member of the council and was also on the school board for many years. During the Civil war he was president of the Union League of both town and county, which served a patriotic purpose during the period of hostilities between the north and the south. It kept in check a rebellious element equal to the disorderly element in Indiana. He was offered the nomination for circuit judge of the eighth district but declined, and subsequently was nominated for judge of the district court, but was defeated on account of the rupture in the republican party over the prohibition question. In 1888 he was nominated for state senator and was defeated for the same reason, but carried his own county. He has been a member of the Congregational church for fifty-two years, serving much of the time as Sunday-school superintendent, trustee and deacon. While there is not about Judge Stacy the least shadow of mock modesty, he disclaims any great credit for what he has done and yet his fellow citizens recognize the fact that he has left the impress of his individuality for good upon the county of his residence in its political and legal interests, in its social life—for he is a man of many friends—and in molding public thought and action as well.

One who knows Judge Stacy well has said: "John S. Stacy has been a man of more than ordinary ability. He has been preeminently a man of integrity and of unimpeachable character. Those who have been most intimate with his personal history can best testify as to the sacrifices he has made, the trying ordeals he has experienced, and the mastery he has accomplished in the maintenance of manhood, humanity and personal character. Fate has raised her arm mightily against his efforts to accomplish several gigantic tasks he has undertaken. In the promotion of several railroad lines, he has found himself on the hill-top ready to claim the promised land when the financial panic of 1873 and other panics have crushed to earth his months of heroic effort. In these calamities, he may have had the power to save himself at the expense of others,

but this his manhood would not allow him to do. He has been a clear and logical thinker, had a well trained mind well stored with useful information, was of a judicial temperament, and well qualified for a business career. He has been abundantly fitted to occupy a high station in life."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ERB, D. D. S.

Dentistry is unique among the professions in that its demands are of a three-fold character. He who would win success in this field of labor must possess marked mechanical skill and ingenuity, must have comprehensive knowledge of scientific principles bearing upon the work and, moreover, must possess the business ability so to finance his interests that his labor shall bring its just and merited remuneration. Lacking in none of these qualities, Dr. B. F. Erb is practicing dentistry in Anamosa and the number of his patients is increasing year by year.

A native of Muscatine, Iowa, he was born October 14, 1867, of the marriage of Jacob and Susan (Funk) Erb. The father removed from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Iowa in 1848. The mother, who also spent her early life in Harrisburg, came to this state in 1847. With her parents she started on the Ohio river on a boat which burned below Cincinnati. The family lost all of their possessions, escaping with only their night clothes, and Mrs. Erb, then a little maiden of twelve summers, was badly burned. Jacob Erb was proprietor of the first tobacco store in Muscatine and for a long period was identified with the business interests of that city. In 1850, however, during the gold fever on the Pacific coast, he went to California, spending four years in that state. In 1855, he returned and became a bookkeeper in the lumber office of S. T. Steen, while subsequently he became manager and acted in that capacity until his death in 1895, his connection with one firm covering forty years. He was seventy-one years of age at the time of his demise. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Muscatine.

Dr. Erb enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the public schools of his native city, continuing his studies in successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1887. He afterward attended the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, where he completed a course by graduation in 1889 and in 1892 he was a student in Haskell's Post-Graduate School of Prosthetic Dentistry. When a boy he had delighted in designing and working with the zig saw or any tools which he could obtain. He was always fond of live stock especially horses. After leaving the public schools the desire for mechanical work and the love of instruments led him to take up the study of dentistry which he began at once. He entered upon the work at Iowa City on the 5th of October, 1887, and the following summer worked for Dr. Rundle at Monticello, Iowa. In September, of the same year, he left for Cincinnati and was graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery on the 4th of March, 1889. He then went to Monticello, Iowa, where he was associated with Dr. Rundle until the 1st of November following, when he opened an office on his own account in Lisbon, Iowa, practicing there until the 15th of August, 1892. On that date he went to

Chicago, where he pursued a post-graduate course, and on October, 1893, he came to Anamosa, where he has since practiced. This town is almost in the center of his professional territory so that he regarded it as an excellent location. That he was wise in his choice time has proven. He has been very successful in his practice and has never been away from his work in twenty-two years more than eighteen days at a time. He keeps abreast with the improvements and advances made in the processes of modern dentistry, possesses superior mechanical skill, uses the latest instruments that invention has produced and in all ways his work is so satisfactory that his practice has constantly grown.

On the 8th of July, 1896, Dr. Erb was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kurtz. Her grandfather, John E. Kurtz, built the first gristmill in Linn county, Iowa, and platted the town of Lisbon. He was also prominent in political circles and served for one term as representative from Linn county in the state legislature. Her father, Henry C. Kurtz, was for four years a soldier of the Civil war. He has been engaged in merchandising throughout the greater part of his life and is one of the representative business men of his home town. In politics he is a stanch republican and is active in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his community. He married Hannah Harper, a native of Indiana, while his birth occurred in Pennsylvania, and in the early '40s they arrived in Iowa. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Erb have been born three children: Dorothy K., Laurence W. and Marion E. The doctor is a man of domestic tastes. He joined the Knights of Pythias lodge in Monticello in 1889, but gave it up when he was married. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes liberally to its support. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day as every true American citizen should do, he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties, which are performed with a sense of conscientious obligations, that has brought him gratifying success. He is, however, serving as president of the Anamosa school board.

W. F. HINTZ.

W. F. Hintz, one of the well known agriculturists of Lovell township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, March 31, 1870, and is a son of William and Ida (Ehrke) Hintz. The parents were natives of Germany, but came to the United States in 1868, locating first in Cook county, Illinois. After about seven years' residence in that state they came to Iowa, settling in Buchanan county, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is still living there, but his wife has passed away.

W. F. Hintz attended the district schools of his native county, while he obtained practical instruction for the responsibilities of life at home, under the wise guidance of his parents. Until he attained his majority, he remained upon his father's farm, but it was not until 1905 that he came to Jones county and located in Lovell township. In that year he purchased a tract of one hundred and eighty-two acres, on which he is living today. It is cultivated carefully for the

production of cereals, but Mr. Hintz gives much attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs, which he ships in large numbers to the important markets. His land is improved according to the best methods, while it is cultivated with full regard to the rotation of crops, a consideration of which subject does so much toward prolonging the fertility of the soil.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Hintz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Rettig. She was born in Fostoria, Ohio, in 1868, and is a daughter of George and Louise Rettig. Her parents, who were natives of Germany, had come to America shortly after their marriage, and after spending a number of years in Ohio came to Iowa, where Mr. Rettig followed farming for many years, but he has now retired and with his wife is enjoying a well deserved rest in Monticello. One of the twelve children born to her parents, Mrs. Hintz received a good education in the public schools and then attended Highland Park College, from which she was graduated. The five years before her marriage she spent in teaching, winning a reputation as a successful and progressive member of the profession. She has become the mother of two children: Irving R. and Paul W.

Mr. and Mrs. Hintz are members of the Presbyterian church, making its teachings of practical value in their daily lives. Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of an American citizen, Mr. Hintz has invariably given his political support to the candidates of the republican party, feeling the utmost confidence in its principles. For himself, however, he has not sought for official perferment, although he has rendered valuable service to the people of Lowell township as a school director.

CYRUS LAMB, JR.

Cyrus Lamb, Jr., is one of Rome township's native sons, who after having tried life in other fields of activity returned to the place of his birth and engaged in the pursuit of farming. He was born May 18, 1863, and is the son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Smith) Lamb. The father was born in Ohio, while the mother was of Pennsylvania nativity. When a struggling nation sent forth the call for her sons to rally to her support, Cyrus Lamb, Jr., responded and was numbered among those who sacrificed their ambitions and their lives upon the altar of their country. The mother, however, is still living at the age of sixty-six.

Cyrus Lamb, Jr., the only child of his parents, was reared by his grandparents and with them made his home until maturity. He received his education in the public schools of the county and then prepared for college. After several terms in college, he engaged in teaching, to which he devoted himself with success for a number of years. In 1900, he bought the farm in Rome township on which he is now living, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. In connection with it, he has devoted himself to the nursery business, making small fruit a specialty.

In October, 1890, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Pfeifer, a native of Rome township and a daughter of George and Barbara Pfeifer, who have now passed away. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb.

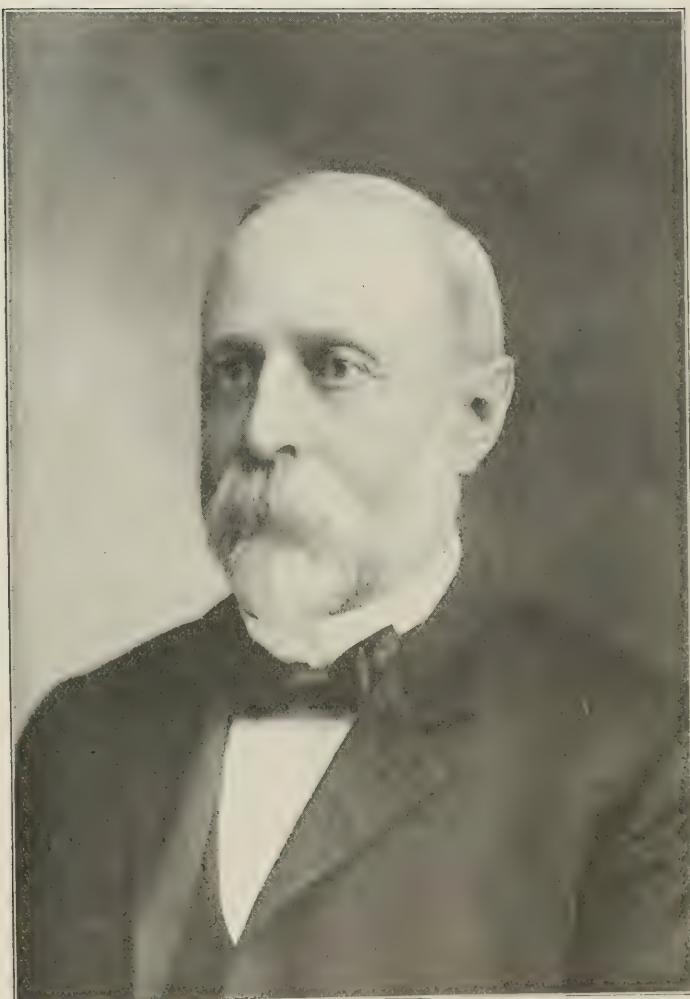
They are consistent members of the United Brethren church and take an active part in religious work. Politically Mr. Lamb affiliates with the republican party, and his vote is ever given in support of its candidate. He is public-spirited, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, but when his fellow citizens, appreciating the strong qualities of the man urged him to serve as a trustee of his township, he did not refuse and for the past two years has filled the position to their entire satisfaction. An educator himself it is but natural that his prime interest should be centered in the school, and that he should use every means to increase its effectiveness in his township. In his capacity as president of the board of education he has been able to institute some needed improvements and to raise the standard of the schools to a considerable degree.

HOWARD MARSHALL REMLEY.

Howard Marshall Remley, to whom the consensus of public opinion accords leadership at the Jones county bar, is now practicing as the senior partner of the law firm of Remley & Remley. He has been a representative of the legal profession here for thirty-seven years, making steady progress in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit.

He was born January 17, 1843, at Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, Virginia, now West Virginia, his parents being the Rev. James and Jane C. (Alderson) Remley. In the paternal line the family is of German lineage and was founded in America by the great-grandfather of Howard M. Remley, who crossed the Atlantic during the period when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. His son, Elias Remley, became a resident of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, in 1791, and there the birth of the Rev. James Remley occurred January 15, 1812. He was educated at William and Mary's College in Virginia and on the 11th of September, 1838, was united in marriage to Miss Jane C. Alderson, whose great-great-grandfather came from England in 1699. Her father was Colonel George Alderson, an officer of the war of 1812. His brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather were ministers of the gospel and were pioneers in the religious advancement of the state of Virginia. Her uncle, the Rev. Lewis Alderson, was the first pastor of the First Baptist church of Atchison, Kansas. The birth of Mrs. Remley occurred March 12, 1816, in Randolph county, West Virginia, and, as previously stated, she gave her hand in marriage to James Remley on the 11th of September, 1838. They came to Iowa in October, 1855, settling at Oxford, Johnson county. Lycurgus Remley, their first born, and George A., the second son, laid down their books to take up their muskets in defense of the country and gave their lives upon its altar. The surviving children of the family are: Ex-Attorney General Milton Remley, of Iowa City; Judge H. M. Remley, of Anamosa; Mrs. J. D. Glass, wife of Ex-Senator Glass, of Mason City, Iowa; and Miss Clara Remley, also of Mason City.

Howard Marshall Remley was twelve years of age when he came to Iowa, his youth and early manhood being spent on the farm in Johnson county to the age of twenty-four years except when he was pursuing his education in Iowa City.



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He afterward entered the Iowa state university and was graduated in 1869 with the degree of bachelor of arts. Making choice of the practice of law as a life work he then made preparation for this calling as a student in the law department of the state university, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1872, while in 1874 his alma mater conferred upon him the master of arts degree.

Judge Remley located for practice in Anamosa in July, 1872, and has since remained an active and representative member of the bar in this city save for the period of seven years, when he was district judge of the eighteenth judicial district. For the past six years he has practiced in partnership with his son, James E. Remley, under the firm style of Remley & Remley. They occupy a foremost position at the bar of eastern Iowa. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities enable Judge Remley to take highest rank among those who have sat upon the bench of the state and made him the conservator of that justice wherein is the safeguard of individual liberty and happiness and the defense of our national institutions.

In 1873 Judge Remley was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Underwood, of Muscatine, Iowa, who was also a graduate of the state university. Four of their sons and two of their daughters are also graduates of these institutions, while another daughter is now a senior there and a fourth daughter is a member of the junior class. The family have a comfortable and attractive home in Anamosa, in which one of the chief features is an extensive library. The family numbers ten children, five sons and five daughters. Bertha, the eldest, has been a successful teacher in the Anamosa schools and Iowa Falls. James E. is a graduate of the law department of the state university and now as a member of the law firm of Remley & Remley practices his profession in Anamosa. Arthur is married and is conducting a successful grocery store in Anamosa. Alfred G. is one-third owner in the Anamosa Lumber Company. Robert G., who won an "I" in the athletic team in the state university of Iowa, is now in the grain business in Anamosa. Agnes is a teacher in the high school of Jefferson, Iowa. Elsie and Mary are attending the state university, and Clara and Howard M. are students in the graded schools of Anamosa.

Judge Remley has always been a republican in his political faith but while firm in his own views he is perfectly willing that others should differ from him, according to each the right of individual opinion. While he has never sought or desired office for himself, he takes an interest in local and state politics and does what he can to further the growth and progress of his party. He holds membership in the Baptist church and is a teacher in its Sunday-school, having a class of fifteen or more members, four of whom are more than eighty years of age, while the average age is over sixty years. He has been teaching his class for more than thirty years and in his religious study manifests the same keen analytical spirit which has characterized his professional work so that he is able to present the lessons in a most clear, comprehensive and logical manner. He feels the deepest interest in the Sunday-school work and regards it as one of the most potent forces for good at the present day. He is now widely known throughout the state as one of its leading Sunday-school workers, having been president of

the Iowa State Sunday-School Convention, while for three terms he was the president of the Iowa Baptist State Convention. He has also been honored with the presidency of the alumni association of the Iowa state university and is a trustee of Des Moines College. His wife is a leading member of one of the chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and for years has been a trustee of the public library at Anamosa. She has received the degree of master of arts from the state university and holds one of the very few life state teachers' certificates which has been issued. It will thus be seen that the influence of the family is for the upbuilding and advancement of all those forces which are effective in the contacts of life for the uplifting of the individual and for the betterment of conditions of society in general. Few lawyers have made more lasting impression upon the bar of the state than has Judge Remley, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon the community. He is a member of the state bar association and for ten years was a member of the committee on law reform. His large representative clientele is indicative of the regard entertained for him by the general public, while the profession manifests high consideration for the integrity, dignity, impartiality, love of justice and strong common sense which have ever marked his character as a judge, as an attorney and as a man.

R. H. SPENCE, M. D.

Dr. R. H. Spence, who since 1901 has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Wyoming, where he is now enjoying an extensive and lucrative patronage, was born on the 13th of December, 1874. His parents, John and Isabel (Swank) Spence, were both natives of the state of Ohio. The father, whose birth occurred in the year 1829, followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in defense of the Union as a member of Company I, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three and a half years. He participated in many hotly contested engagements and was wounded at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. His demise occurred in 1905.

R. H. Spence, who was the youngest child in a family of two sons and three daughters, supplemented his preliminary education by a high-school course in Ohio and subsequently attended Maryville College at Maryville, Tennessee. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he then entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1901. The same year he located for practice in Wyoming, Jones county, where he has since remained, his patronage continually growing in volume and importance. He keeps in touch with the advancement that is being made in the line of his chosen profession through his membership in the County, State and National Medical Societies.

In 1903, Dr. Spence was united in marriage to Miss Eva May Weingartner, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and of German descent. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the Cincinnati schools. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Spence has been

born a son, Willard Cooper, whose birth occurred on the 18th of October, 1905. Fraternally the Doctor is identified with Keystone Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wyoming, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. While yet a young man, he has already attained a creditable position in professional circles, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has been otherwise associated.

JAMES R. KENNEDY.

James R. Kennedy is one of the important men of Clay township, where he owns a large and valuable farm. A native of Iowa, he was born December 8, 1870, his parents being William and Mary (Orr) Kennedy, both of Irish birth. The former, who was born March 21, 1839, came to this country in the spring of 1859, and shortly afterward settled in Jones county, Iowa, where he commenced, his American career. He found employment upon a farm, continuing as a laborer for a number of years until he had saved sufficient from his earnings to enable him to purchase a tract of land. He first bought forty acres, and then, as he had opportunity, added another forty to it, afterward selling it and buying eighty acres in Buchanan county, Iowa. He was not permitted to enjoy many years of prosperity, however, for he was called by death March 20, 1879. Nevertheless when he came to this country he was a poor man and when he closed his life he enjoyed a fair competence. His wife, whom he wedded in this state November 10, was born in July, 1847, and came to America in 1863. She died May 5, 1876. Through her marriage she became the mother of four children: James R., the subject of this sketch; John, who was born December 17, 1871; William Allen, who was born August 9, 1873, and is now living in North Dakota; and David Hamilton, who was born March 27, 1875, and died August 29, 1879.

James R. Kennedy was but little more than eight years of age when his father died and he was sent to live with a paternal aunt, Mrs. Jane Orr French, of Jones county, under whose care he grew to years of maturity. He was a pupil in the district schools, while he spent the hours not given to his lessons and his summer vacations in the cultivation of the fields, a vocation to which he has since devoted himself. Until he was twenty-six years of age, he remained with his aunt, and then, having married, he sought to make a home of his own and achieve a name for himself. He first purchased two hundred and twenty acres and subsequently one hundred and forty-eight acres more, the whole three hundred and sixty-eight acres area constituting the tract he possesses and lives upon today. He follows general farming and is also interested in the stock business, each year pasturing from fifty to sixty head of cattle which he sends to the feeders. While industry has contributed its large share to his progress, the economy which has marked his operations has been an equally conspicuous factor, and in this Mr. Kennedy has had valuable assistance from his wife, whose eager sympathy with his interests, ready counsel, and capacity for managing so that

the most may be made of each bit of money or produce has rendered him an aid that may not be estimated in tangible quantities.

It was on the 9th of December, 1896, that Mr. Kennedy wedded Miss Minnie Orr, a daughter of William and Jemina Orr, and their union has been blessed with two children: William Kenneth, born February 10, 1898; and Mary Carol, born December 10, 1904.

Mr. Kennedy is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is trustee, while he gives his support in political matters to the democratic party. While he cannot be called an office seeker, as township trustee he rendered the community efficient service through two terms, and for two and a half terms he fulfilled the duties of town clerk with care and ability. As his record in public life is on a par with that of his private life, both giving evidence of strong qualities of a fine manhood, Mr. Kennedy is the recipient of many expressions of good will and congratulation on the part of those whose lives are closely allied with his own.

GEORGE D. and T. J. McPHERSON.

George D. and T. J. McPherson deserve special mention among the agriculturists of Jones county, where they own and cultivate two hundred and sixty-two and a half acres of choice and valuable land in Greenfield township, constituting one of its fine farms. They are sons of John and Martha (Davis) McPherson. The father was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1829, and the mother's birth occurred in the same country on the 12th of November, 1835. They crossed the Atlantic on the same ship in 1853 and became residents of Philadelphia. Soon after their arrival in the new world they were married and continued their residence in Philadelphia, for about eight years, or until 1861, when they believed that they would have still better opportunities in the middle west and removed to Jones county, Iowa, where they continued to spend their remaining days. Mr. McPherson secured a tract of land and began farming, being busily occupied in the work of the fields until his life's labors were ended in death in the year 1880. Following the demise of her husband Mrs. McPherson continued to reside upon the old homestead with her six children and reared them there. The farm is located on section 21, Greenfield township, and Mrs. McPherson not only cared for her children but also managed the business consequent upon the development of the farm. Of her children one son died in infancy, while two daughters have married and gone to homes of their own—Mrs. Ruth Beeman, who is residing in Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Anna Nosley, whose home is in Linn county, Iowa. The other children yet remain on the farm which has been their place of residence through almost their entire lives. Here the mother died January 12, 1908. She was certainly a most devoted mother, counting no personal sacrifice on her part too great if it would enhance the happiness and promote the welfare of her children, who revere her memory and during her lifetime entertained for her the warmest love.

The sons, George D. and T. J. McPherson, with their brothers, J. P. and Samuel, all reside on the old homestead and are busily occupied with the work of the fields, being known as representative farmers of this part of the state. All are pronounced republicans, but are not offensive partisans. They hold firmly to the principles in which they believe but are not abusive to those whose opinion differ from theirs. They have been reared in the atmosphere of Presbyterianism, are considerate of the rights of others and in all business transactions are thoroughly reliable.

George D. and Thomas J. McPherson were educated in the pioneer schools of the early days and were reared amid the environments of frontier life, habits of industry, diligence and perseverance being formed by them as the result of the wise lessons impressed upon them by their mother. The result of their labors is seen in the broad acres of the McPherson farm, comprising two hundred and sixty-two and a half acres of rich and productive land in Greenfield township. They have added many modern improvements, as evidenced in the house and barns, the sheds and machinery, the well kept fences, the carefully cultivated fields and the high grades of stock. All these are an indication of their thrift, energy and perseverance, qualities which are indispensable to success. Moreover, they enjoy the confidence of the general public as business men and the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN L. RICHARDSON.

John L. Richardson, a retired agriculturist residing in Wyoming, where he has made his home since 1898, is still the owner of five hundred and five acres of valuable land in Madison township, Jones county. His birth occurred in North Argyle, Washington county, New York, on the 31st of January, 1838. His father, James Richardson, who was born at Ewart, Northumberland, England, in 1798, was a carpenter and joiner by occupation and for several years worked at his trade in Edinburgh. In 1827, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in New York, where he worked at his trade until the time of his marriage to Miss Susan Small, a native of Jackson township, Washington county, New York. Her parents were from Perthshire, Scotland, and in the maternal line she was descended from the same ancestry as the Beveridge family of which Senator Beveridge is a member. Following his marriage James Richardson turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and in 1850 removed to Morrow county, Ohio, where he followed farming for twelve years. On the expiration of that period, in 1862, he came to Jones county, Iowa, locating in Madison township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres in 1864. He successfully operated the place for a number of years and on putting aside the active work of the fields sold the property to his son, John L., and took up his abode in Wyoming, where his remaining days were spent. He passed away in 1880 and his wife was called to her final rest eight years later.

John L. Richardson, who was the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, received his education in an old log schoolhouse in Ohio and, though

his advantages in this direction were limited, he eventually became a well informed man through reading, observation and experience. On the 18th of July, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company E. Twenty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Infantry, with which he served until discharged at Chattanooga on the 31st of December, 1863. He reenlisted on the following day—January 1, 1864, becoming a member of Company E, Twenty-sixth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Army of the Cumberland and participated in all the engagements of his command, including those at Shiloh, Stone river, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga, Resaca, etc. Although in many sanguinary conflicts, he was fortunate in that he was never wounded and when the country no longer needed his aid he returned home, being honorably discharged on the 21st of October, 1865. On the 2d of January, 1866, he arrived in Jones county, Iowa, taking up his abode on his father's farm in Madison township, which he eventually purchased and which still remains in his possession. However, he extended the boundaries of the place by additional purchase until it now embraces five hundred and five acres of rich and productive land. The work of the farm claimed his attention throughout his active business career and he annually gathered bounteous harvests which found a ready sale on the market. In 1898, having accumulated a handsome competence, he left the farm and came to Wyoming, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Mr. Richardson has been twice married and by his first wife, whom he wedded in 1868, had four children, Mrs. Florence Thomas, being the only one living. In 1883, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Elmira Iler, a native of Ohio, by whom he also had one child, namely: Mrs. Ruby E. Peeler, of Wyoming.

In his political views Mr. Richardson is a stanch republican and for seven years has capably served as a member of the town council. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church. The period of his residence in this county now covers more than four decades and he has long been numbered among its most substantial, respected and enterprising citizens.

GEORGE DAVID McDONALD.

One of the representative farmers of Madison township who has met with success in his chosen vocation is George David McDonald, who was born in that township on the 13th of November, 1872, and is a son of David S. and Catherine (Bender) McDonald. The father was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and when a young man came to the United States with his parents about 1855. His brother, John McDonald, had emigrated to this country about five years previously and although he had not come to Iowa immediately on his arrival in America, he located here before the remainder of the family reached this country and had secured several tracts of government land in Jones county. They settled on the farm now owned and occupied by John A. McDonald, a cousin of our subject. David McDonald, our subject's father, married Miss Catherine Bender, a native of Pennsylvania, and subsequently acquired a tract of land in Madison



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township on which they made their home until 1900, when he retired from active farming and removed to Center Junction. Two years later, however, they became residents of Wyoming, Iowa, where Mr. McDonald now resides. He has figured quite prominently in local affairs and has held several township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a most able and satisfactory manner. Reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, both he and his wife have always affiliated with that denomination.

George D. McDonald spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools near his home. He remained with his parents until their removal to Center Junction, when he and his brother John L. took up the farm which they successfully operated for four years. Our subject then moved to another farm in Madison township but a year later became a resident of Center Junction and for one year carried the mail on the rural route. He then secured the farm where he now resides, consisting of eighty-six acres which had previously belonged to his uncle, John McDonald, who deeded it to him in the spring of 1907. He erected a good residence and a substantial barn and outbuildings upon his place, and after the completion of these took up his residence thereon in September, 1907. He has since devoted his time and energies to the cultivation of the fields and is meeting with well deserved success in his life work.

On the 19th of June, 1907, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McDonald and Miss Sarah J. Buck, who was born in Mills county, Iowa, but had taught school in Jones county for four or five years previous to her marriage. They now have one child, Anna B.

Politically Mr. McDonald is identified with the republican party and has taken quite an active interest in public affairs, having served as township assessor for three years and is now serving his fourth term as township clerk. He also acts as secretary of the school board and for several years has been a member of the district republican committee. Socially he is a member of Junction Lodge, No. 711, I. O. O. F., and, being a strong temperance man, also affiliates with the Good Templars. His wife is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and both are held in high regard by all who know them.

HENRY K. PATTON.

Any new theory or innovation of any kind must establish for itself a place by its worth and merit, for it is always subject to opposition on the part of the conservative who resent change of any kind. This has been the history of osteopathy, but its practice has in the passing years become firmly established as a system of worth in the restoration of health and the prevention of disease. A successful practitioner of this system of healing in Anamosa is Dr. Henry K. Patton. His life record began at Moberly, Missouri, while his parents, Thomas J. and Nellie (Daniels) Patton, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. The parents lived in Missouri for many years and there the father died in 1891 at the age of fifty-four years, while the mother still survives at the old

homestead in that state. In their family were nine children: Effie L., the eldest, is the wife of J. B. Baker, a resident of Cairo, Missouri; Oleta, died in infancy; Carson, who wedded May Patton, is a resident of Clifton Hill, Missouri; Arthur W., makes his home in Tampa, Florida; Henry K., is the next of the family; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Fred Melvin, living in Blendinsville, Illinois; Pleasant L., who married a Miss Hill, resides on the old homestead at Jacksonville, Missouri; Earnest is married and makes his home in Kansas City, Missouri; and John D., is married and lives in Kansas City.

Henry K. Patton attended the public schools in his early youth and afterward pursued a complete course in the University of Missouri, thus becoming qualified by a liberal education for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward entered the college of osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, and was graduated therefrom with the class of June, 1900. On the 27th of the same month he located at Anamosa, where he has established a large practice, his patronage steadily increasing as the years have gone by and he has demonstrated the value and worth of his professional services. He has comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body and in his practice has done such excellent work that many cures are now recorded to his credit.

In June, 1904, Dr. Patton was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Irene Sullivan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sullivan, natives of Jones county, Iowa. They had one daughter, Dorothy Josephine. Dr. Patton belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., and is also connected with the Mystic Workers. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church while his political belief is that of the democratic party. His salient qualities are those of honorable manhood, of progressive citizenship and fidelity to a high standard of professional service, and the regard in which he is held has thus followed as the logical sequence of his salient and commendable traits of character.

FRITZ GUHL.

One of the enterprising farmers of Rome township, who is industriously making a home for his children in this land and a name for himself among the cattle men of Jones county, is Fritz Guhl. German born and reared, he is yet one of Iowa's best citizens, for he has brought the strong characteristics of the sons of the fatherland to swell the racial elements that contribute to her greatness. His parents, Ludwich and Dora (Todts) Guhl, were also of German nativity and never left the land of their birth. They are now deceased.

Fritz Guhl was born September 11, 1851, and received his education in the schools of Germany, in which country he grew to manhood and was married. In 1890, he came to America to make for himself a home upon a farm in Iowa. For eight years after his arrival he rented land, and then, having prospered in his undertakings, he was able to purchase the farm he now occupies in Rome township.

It is a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, good for agricultural purposes, but especially adapted to the feeding of hogs and cattle. To this enterprise accordingly Mr. Guhl has given more and more attention and with increasing success.

He ships several carloads of stock every year and is always certain of finding a ready market and good price.

While still living in his native land Mr. Guhl married Miss Dora Todts, who has borne him four children. It was only after these young people were well able to stand an ocean voyage and the trip across this country that Mr. Guhl brought his family to America. They have grown up in America, and some have already started out to make their own way in the world. Charles, the eldest, has married and follows farming in this county. Louis is still at home. Mary has become the wife of Louis Westphal, of Wyoming township. Fred, the youngest, remains at home and assists his father on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Guhl were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and still give to it their allegiance, being members of the congregation at Olin. The children, too, have been brought up in that faith and all have been confirmed. Frugal, industrious and determined to succeed, Mr. Guhl bids fair to become one of the more important farmers of Rome township, and his advance can only be viewed with good-will by his fellows, for they benefit and do not suffer through his efforts.

CHARLES HENRY ANDERSON.

On the list of city officials in Anamosa appears the name of Charles Henry Anderson for he is the popular, efficient postmaster of the city, prompt, capable and systematic in the discharge of his duties. He is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Hartford, Warren county, on the 23d of November, 1861. His parents were Leonard V. and Julia A. (Taylor) Anderson, natives of Ohio and North Carolina respectively. The father was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 13, 1834, while the mother was born in North Carolina September 12, 1827. They became pioneer residents of Warren county, Iowa, where they resided until 1863, and then removed to Linn county, this state, remaining there for twenty-three years or until 1886, when they became residents of Anamosa. The father was a carpenter by trade and lived a busy and useful life, passing away in April, 1899, at the age of sixty-five years. The wife still survives at the advanced age of eighty-two years and is now living in the old home in Anamosa.

Charles H. Anderson was the third in order of birth in a family of four children, but is the only one now living. At the usual age he began his education in the public schools and continued his studies until he was graduated from the high school of Viola, Iowa. He was only two years of age when his parents removed from Hartford to Viola, where he continued to reside until October, 1885, when he became a resident of Anamosa. He had previously made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in a general store at Viola, where he remained until his removal to Jones county. In the city where he now resides he had secured a clerkship in the grocery store of Buell Evans and continued with him for about a year, after which he engaged in the firm of Brasted & Prentice. He continued with them for three years, at the end of which time he accepted a position as traveling salesman, representing the wholesale grocery firm of John A. Tolman & Company

of Chicago. He held that position for about two years and was next engaged as bookkeeper with the grocery firm of Shaw & Button at Anamosa, acting in that capacity for six years. On the 15th of April, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Anamosa and has been the incumbent in the office to the present time, covering a period of more than eleven years. His long continuance in the position indicates clearly the fidelity which he has displayed in discharging his duties and the promptness and capability that has characterized his service at all times.

On the 12th of September, 1883, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Meader, a daughter of George W. and Julia A. (Howe) Meader, the latter a direct descendant of Eli Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine. Mrs. Anderson's parents were natives of New York and at an early day removed westward to Michigan, while subsequently they became pioneer residents of Linn county, Iowa, where the father died. The mother afterward removed to Jones county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born two sons: Leonard E., who is now attending law school in Chicago; and Roy J., a cartoonist, who is connected with the *St. Joseph News Press*.

In his political views Mr. Anderson has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has served as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a diligent and effective champion. He belongs to the Baptist church and fraternally is connected with Anamosa Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M.; Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership with the Mystic Workers and the Modern Woodmen and is loyal to the teachings of these orders, which are based upon the principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His life record in all of its phases has measured up to the standard of honorable manhood, and in Anamosa, where he has now resided for almost a quarter of a century, he has a circle of friends that is nearly if not quite coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

HON. NATHAN POTTER.

When a good and noble man has passed from the midst of the community in which he had lived and for whose welfare and advancement he had exerted himself, the richness of his life comes strongly to the fore and his comrades realize fully, perhaps for the first time, the dignity of a fine character. So it was with Nathan Potter, who responded to the call of death November 30, 1908. His was a life worthy of emulation, whether it be regarded as that of a citizen, as that of a minister of the gospel or as that of a public servant. He was born in Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, October 26, 1835, being a son of William and Rachel Potter. The former was born in England, August 28, 1767, and was a descendant of one of the men who crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower. In 1844 he brought his family to Jackson county, Iowa, where they experienced all the hardships of pioneer life and where the parents lived the rest of their lives. Eight children

were born to them, namely, Nathan, the subject of this sketch; James G., of Monmouth, Illinois; Mrs. Charles Brown, of Anamosa; Mrs. Jacob Pitzenbarger, of Linden, Iowa; John, of Waynoka, Oklahoma; Luke, of Ruthven, Iowa; Jarvis, of Dallas Center, Iowa; and Mrs. Marion Gilmore, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. In addition to his full brothers and sisters, Mr. Potter had two half-brothers and three half-sisters, all of whom preceded him to the grave.

In 1844 Mr. Potter came with his parents to Iowa, where he grew to manhood, sharing in the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of those courageous men and women who made for themselves and their families a home in the heart of the wilderness. Regular training he did not know, but by dint of application and study at home he fitted himself to teach in the common schools. In 1865, having married five years previously, he removed to Jones county, where he procured a farm in the neighborhood of Anamosa, on which he and his wife lived happily until her death. He improved the property and erected several large and comfortable buildings, while he cultivated the soil with skill and profit. Two years after his wife's demise, in 1896, Mr. Potter removed to Olin, which remained his home until his life was brought to a close.

While still a young man Mr. Potter was converted to the Christian faith, taking up ministerial work shortly after his conversion, and in 1863, in Clayton county, Iowa, he was regularly ordained to preach the gospel in the Christian church, continuing in that work until his death. When he assumed charge of the congregation in Jackson township, Antioch church was in an unfinished condition, but he threw himself into the actual work of construction with a vigor that ever distinguished his acts and did as much as any other to complete the structure. His life and his interest in public affairs made him prominent, and the people, who in recognition of his abilities, elected him to different township offices and to the mayoralty of the city of Olin. He also served in the legislature as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, and being an able and painstaking man acquitted himself with honor and to the satisfaction of his constituents. In politics as in religion he was always broad-minded, respecting the opinions of others, but when once convinced that he was right or that the welfare of society and humanity demanded a certain attitude on his part, he never hesitated to assert his convictions, so that in all sincerity the house in which he had sat might pass the following resolutions:

Resolved. That in the death of Mr. Potter the state and county in which he resided loses a worthy and honored and upright citizen; and that we extend to his bereaved wife and relatives our sincere sorrow and sympathy in their great loss; and that an enrolled copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the house; and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family. Adopted, March 13, 1909.

Signed by,

W. M. BYERLY

J. W. ELLIS

A. W. KENDALL

GUY A. FEELY, *speaker of the house.*

G. R. BENEDICT, *chief clerk of the house.*

Mr. Potter was twice married. In January, 1860, he wedded Miss Clementine Demoss, of Canton, Iowa. Two children were born of this union: Mrs. J. L.

Streeter, of Olin; and Mrs. Dell Olmstead, of Maquoketa, Iowa. Mrs. Potter died June 19, 1894, and November 9, 1899, Mr. Potter married again, his second wife having been Mrs. W. D. Hutton, nee Shaw. She was born in Scotland, March 9, 1858, and was a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Gordon Lamond) Shaw, also natives of that country. Her father died in 1871, but her mother is still living in the land of her birth, having attained the advanced age of eighty-two years. Four of the seven children born to her and her husband are also living. In 1877, in Scotland, Mrs. Potter was united to her first husband, W. D. Hutton, and in 1892 they came to America, locating in Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Hutton died. Four children were born to them: A. C., who is in Olin, in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Margaret C., who is the wife of A. C. Ramsey, of Rock Island, Illinois; Mary G., who is at home with her mother; and David, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Potter adopted a son, James R. Shaw Potter.

Mr. Potter was a Master Mason from 1869 to within a short time of his death and was also made a member of the Mt. Olivet Commandery at Anamosa. He was a man of great physical strength and tough fiber, but the end came suddenly, without any warning, for he died as the result of a paralytic stroke which seemed to cut him off while still in the enjoyment of good health. An esteemed friend and an eminent citizen, he was deeply mourned at his death. Mrs. Potter, who was administratrix of his affairs, now owns a fine three story, brick hotel, seven lots in the village of Olin, a well improved farm in Hale township, besides having numerous interests in Scotland. These interests she manages with great business skill.

ARAM GARABED HEJINIAN, M. D.

Ability will come to the front anywhere and the circumstances of a man's birth or early environment have little to do with the position to which he may attain if he wisely develops his native powers and talents and directs his energy by sound judgment and discrimination. This is evidenced in the record of Dr. Aram Garabed Hejinian, one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of eastern Iowa, practicing in Anamosa.

He was born July 25, 1863, in Arabkir in the province of Harpoot, Armenia. His parents were Garabed A. and Surmaly Y. Hejinian. The father was descended from an aristocratic family of that country and his life was a most active, useful and honorable one. During the Crimean war he was appointed by the English government as a local agent for the province of Harpoot, which important position he held until the war was over. For several years he was the civil head of the protestant community of Harpoot, representing it before the Turkish government. For many years he was a member of the city council of Arabkir and for about ten years was a member of the court of commerce in Constantinople. For more than seven years he was judge of the court of commerce at Van for the stame province in eastern Armenia, being appointed by Sublime Porte at Constantinople. He was born in the ancient Armenian church but became one of the first protestants of Arabkir and was one of the first to invite American



DR. A. G. HEJINIAN

missionaries to establish an American mission at that place. He had a prominent and responsible position in the church and also in educational lines and was one of the foremost men of the city and province in which he lived. His death resulted from a severe mental shock caused by events of the Armenian massacre of 1895, in which he lost the old family home and estate by fire and pillage but worse than that in the same massacre lost one of his sons, who was a distinguished lawyer, a linguist of fame and had been advocate in various courts, even being recognized as an advocate of the English courts of Cyprus. His wife's maiden name was Surmaly Yaqubyan. The Yaqubyan family is one of prominence in Arabkir and representatives of the name are now bankers in Cairo, Egypt. Mrs. Hejinian was a devoted member of the old Armenian church until her death.

The life history of Dr. Hejinian is one of interest because of the wide and varied experiences which have been his. His primary education was acquired in the schools of Arabkir, supplemented by a high-school course at Harpoot, while in 1885 he was graduated from Euphrates College at Harpoot. Before his graduation C. H. Wheeler, D. D., the president of the college had chosen him from a large class and invited him to fill the vacancy in the chair of higher mathematics during a leave of absence of the regular professor who had gone to America for further study. Dr. Hejinian accepted the position and taught at the college for two years, after which he decided to come to the United States to prepare himself for his life work. On the 17th of September, 1887, he left Armenia and made his way to Cairo, Egypt, where lived a brother and a sister. They requested him to pass the winter season with them and in the following spring he came to the United States, landing at New York City on the 22d of May, 1888. He then visited a friend in Philadelphia for a few days, reaching Chicago on the 4th of June. As it was then vacation time he prepared to enter the Chicago Theological Seminary in the fall and was graduated therefrom in 1890.

Immediately afterward Dr. Hejinian entered Rush Medical College with the intention of returning to his native land well equipped in medicines as well as in theology. He completed his course at Rush in 1893 and was elected class chaplain. In all collegiate courses he held a leading position in his classes. Following his graduation from medical college he accepted a position in the Chicago health department as health inspector during the World's Columbian Exposition. That summer the Armenian massacres began and the condition of his native country was such that it would not warrant safety of life for him to return as he had always intended doing. Being compelled to remain, he reentered Rush Medical College, where he pursued a special post-graduate course in 1893-94 with the intention of preparing himself not only for the active practice of medicine in this country but also that he might compete with the leading members of the medical fraternity here. Through the influence of the late Dr. Nicholas Senn, one of Chicago's most famous surgeons and the head professor in surgery at Rush Medical College, he entered St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, as resident physician and surgeon, remaining there for about two years—from 1894 until 1896—during which time his broad experience in hospital work greatly augmented the knowledge which he had acquired through collegiate training. Dr.

Senn was in charge of the hospital and thus almost daily Dr. Hejinian was in close touch with that master surgeon and master mind, from whom he received not only his practical surgical knowledge but also stimulated his ability for keen observation and accurate diagnosis in complex cases.

After leaving the hospital in 1896 Dr. Hejinian went to Monmouth, Iowa, for a short vacation and rest, visiting a friend who was a physician at that place. While there a colleague at Wyoming, Iowa, requested him to take care of his practice during a three months' absence and Dr. Hejinian acceded the request. Then he left Wyoming for Chicago, intending to locate in that city and make it his future home, but after reaching the metropolis by the lake he received some communications from Iowa which caused him to return to this state, settling in Anamosa on the 4th of August, 1896. Since then he has been surgeon in charge of the local hospital at this point and has, moreover, enjoyed a lucrative practice. His success, especially in surgery, has been equal to that of anyone in the state. Almost every year he visits some of the chief medical centers of the world to keep himself abreast with the advances of the time. He took post-graduate work in surgery in 1902-03 in London, Berlin and Vienna and when abroad was accompanied by his wife and little daughter, Lucea. He not only studied while in Europe but visited many points of ancient and modern interest, including the cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cologne, Paris, Dresden, Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples. He likewise went to Alexandria and Cairo in Egypt and after an absence of eight and a half months returned to the United States. In his practice he has displayed marked ability and familiarity with the most advanced methods and processes of surgical work and has performed some very important and difficult operations. In addition to his hospital work and his private practice he is now medical examiner for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut; the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Provident Life & Trust Company, both of Philadelphia; and the Central Life Assurance Society of Des Moines. He is also medical examiner for the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World and he is one of the original stockholders of the Citizens Savings Bank of Anamosa and has been one of its directors since its organization.

On the 14th of September, 1898, Dr. Hejinian was married in Anamosa to Miss Bertha S. Stacy, a daughter of Judge John S. and Charlotte A. K. Stacy. Her father has been prominently identified with the growth of Anamosa and Jones county, being recognized as one of the leading residents here through many years. His wife is a descendant of Governor Bradford, of Massachusetts. Mrs. Hejinian is a graduate of the Cornell College art department and has taken post-graduate courses in the Chicago Art Institute and Cowles School of Art in Boston, Massachusetts. For several years she was at the head of the art department of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Hejinian have two children: Lucea M., born June 18, 1899; and John S., born July 2, 1904.

Dr. Hejinian received his final naturalization papers on the 31st of May, 1895. He has always been a republican in his political views and cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley in 1896. He belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M.; Olivet Commandery,

No. 36, K. T.; and Moriah Chapter, No. 16, O. E. S. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 167, M. W. A., and Anamosa Lodge, No. 171, of the Mystic Workers of the World. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as a deacon and trustee. In specifically professional lines he is connected with the Jones County, the Iowa Union and the Iowa State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Dr. Hejinian is a man of earnest purpose and of high ideals. He has kept to high standards in his profession but not more so than in every relation of life, being actuated in all that he does by the principles that govern upright and honorable manhood and Christian citizenship.

HERBERT G. A. HARPER.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of Herbert G. A. Harper, who is now acceptably filling the position of county clerk and his record is in harmony with all that makes for good citizenship and for loyalty and progressiveness in public affairs. His life record began in Buckhannon, Upshur county, West Virginia, on the 30th of December, 1873, his parents being the Rev. Enoch and Jane (Heckert) Harper, who were also natives of West Virginia. In the year 1886 they removed to Colorado where they remained for about four years and in 1890 came to Iowa, settling in Olin, where they resided until 1897. Subsequently they were located in different parts of the state and are now living at Julian, Nebraska. Rev. Harper has recently completed his forty-sixth successive year in the ministry and for the past three years has been presiding elder of the North Nebraska conference of the United Brethren church. His influence in behalf of moral progress has been of no restricted order and his labors have not been denied the full harvest nor the aftermath. The family numbered but two children, the elder being William O., who married Myrtle Legler, the adopted daughter of J. J. Legler, of Muscatine, Iowa, and they now reside at Aurora, Nebraska.

At seventeen years of age Herbert G. A. Harper assumed the responsibilities of life. He had attended the public schools and also enjoyed the benefits of a course of study in the West Virginia Academy at Buckhannon during the year of 1885-86. The family then removed to Colorado, after which he attended the public schools there for two winters. The summer months were devoted to farm work in Colorado for about four years. In the meantime, however, he had continued his education by entering the Western College at Toledo, Ohio, in 1889 and was graduated from the commercial department of this school in June, 1891. After his education was completed he secured employment in the general store of Lamb Brothers at Olin, remaining in their employ from 1891 until 1897. In the latter year he went to Chicago and secured employment in the wholesale produce commission house of Gregson, Easterly & Company. He remained with that firm until October, 1903, when he came to Jones county and has since made his home in Anamosa. Here he was appointed a guard at the Iowa State Penitentiary and in May, 1905, was made turnkey of the institution, which position he held until the 13th of September, of that year. On that date he received ap-

pointment to the position of deputy clerk of the district court of Jones county and in November, 1908, was elected clerk of the court, which position he is now filling. In all places of public trust his record has been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty and by unswerving allegiance to all that which is best in public service. His political support is given to the republican party for he has firm belief in the efficiency and value of its principles as factors in good government.

On the 9th of February, 1897, at Olin, Iowa, Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Ada Belle Easterly, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Jane (McConkir) Easterly, who were natives of Ohio and came to Iowa at an early date, settling in Jones county near the town of Olin. The father died in 1907 at the age of eighty-five years, while the mother still resides at Olin. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have but one child, Eugene Austin, who was born April 9, 1899, in Chicago, Illinois. In his fraternal relations Mr. Harper is a Mason, belonging to Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., and De Molay Consistory, No. 1, of Clinton, Iowa. He joined the lodge in 1907 and in 1908 was appointed senior deacon and in 1909 was elected senior warden. He is also connected with the Mystic Workers, his membership being in Anamosa Lodge, No. 171. He and his family attend the Congregational church and he is now serving as director of the choir. His salient qualities are those of honorable manhood and progressive citizenship, and he is held in high regard wherever he is known and most of all where he is best known.

WILLIAM O. SHAFFER.

William O. Shaffer, a successful and enterprising merchant of Wyoming, dealing in clothing, shoes and men's furnishings, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of November, 1862. His parents, Nathan and Mary (Durst) Shaffer, are likewise natives of the Keystone state, the former having been born in Columbia county in September, 1823, while the latter's birth occurred in Center county in 1833. Nathan Shaffer was a minister of the Methodist church and in 1863 removed with his wife and two children to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he preached the gospel for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Canton, Jackson county, this state, where he likewise labored in a ministerial capacity for three years. At the end of that time, in 1869, he came to Jones county, purchasing a farm in Madison township on which he made his home until 1896, since which time he has resided at Wyoming. His wife also still survives and they are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. Their children were five in number, namely: Harriet B.; William O.; of this review; Charles B.; Margaret; and Arthur, who is deceased.

William O. Shaffer was reared to manhood on the home farm in Madison township, this county, obtaining his education in the country schools and also at Wyoming. After putting aside his text-books he assisted in the cultivation of the home place and when his father retired from active life he took charge of the farm, managing it successfully for a number of years. In 1899 he came to Wyoming and purchased the interest of R. S. Williams in the firm of Fishwild

& Williams, being thus identified with mercantile affairs until 1906, when he bought the interest of Mr. Fishwild and has since conducted the enterprise alone. He deals in clothing, shoes and men's furnishings and has built up an extensive and profitable trade along these lines, owing to his reliable and straightforward business methods. His establishment is up-to-date in every particular and he is widely recognized as one of the progressive and representative merchants of the county.

In March, 1891, Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage to Miss Amy Brush, a daughter of William Brush, who was an early settler of Jones county. They have become the parents of four children, as follows: Berdale; Wallace; Dillon, who died at the age of four years; and Elizabeth.

At the present time Mr. Shaffer is capably serving his fellow townsmen as a member of the city council. He is a valued and consistent member of the Methodist church and also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a worthy exemplar. A resident of the county for four decades, he is widely known within its borders and the substantial qualities which he has displayed in the varied relations of life have gained him a high place in the regard and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

C. A. SCHATZ.

C. A. Schatz, who is a successful representative of the agricultural interests of Lovell township, is a native of this county and was born June 15, 1858. His parents were August and Eliza (Altmans) Schatz, both of German birth. In 1854, shortly after their marriage, they came to America, locating first in Dubuque county, Iowa, and three years later coming to Jones county. Here Mr. Schatz pursued the life of a farmer until he retired from active participation in his vocation and took up his residence in Monticello, where he and his wife are still living. Five children were born to them: Dora, who is the wife of Fred Kellogg, of Center Junction, Iowa; C. A., who is the subject of this sketch; Bertha, who has remained at home; one who died in infancy; and Anna, who is also deceased.

C. A. Schatz was reared at home and in the common schools of the township learned the practical lessons which would fit him for the responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-seven he married, and being desirous to establish a home of his own bought eighty acres of land in Lovell township, which is part of the place on which he now lives, for as the years brought rich returns to his diligent and unremitting industry he has been able to add to the original tract until he has now tripled its acreage, owning two hundred and forty acres in Jones county. He also has one hundred and sixty acres in Texas, a fact which serves to show that he is a man to seize every opportunity for advancement that presents itself. On his farm in Lovell township, in addition to the raising of cereals, he devotes considerable time to dairying, obtaining from both industries an income that is a gratifying reward for his many hours of hard labor and serves to place him among the substantial men engaged in like pursuits in his locality.

Mr. Schatz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Harms, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harms who are now deceased. Eight children have been born to the couple, namely: E. A., Mary, Dora, Harm, Carl, Anna, Eliza and Clara. The youngest has passed away, and Mary is now the wife of Adolph Egger, of Delaware county, Iowa, but the others live at home.

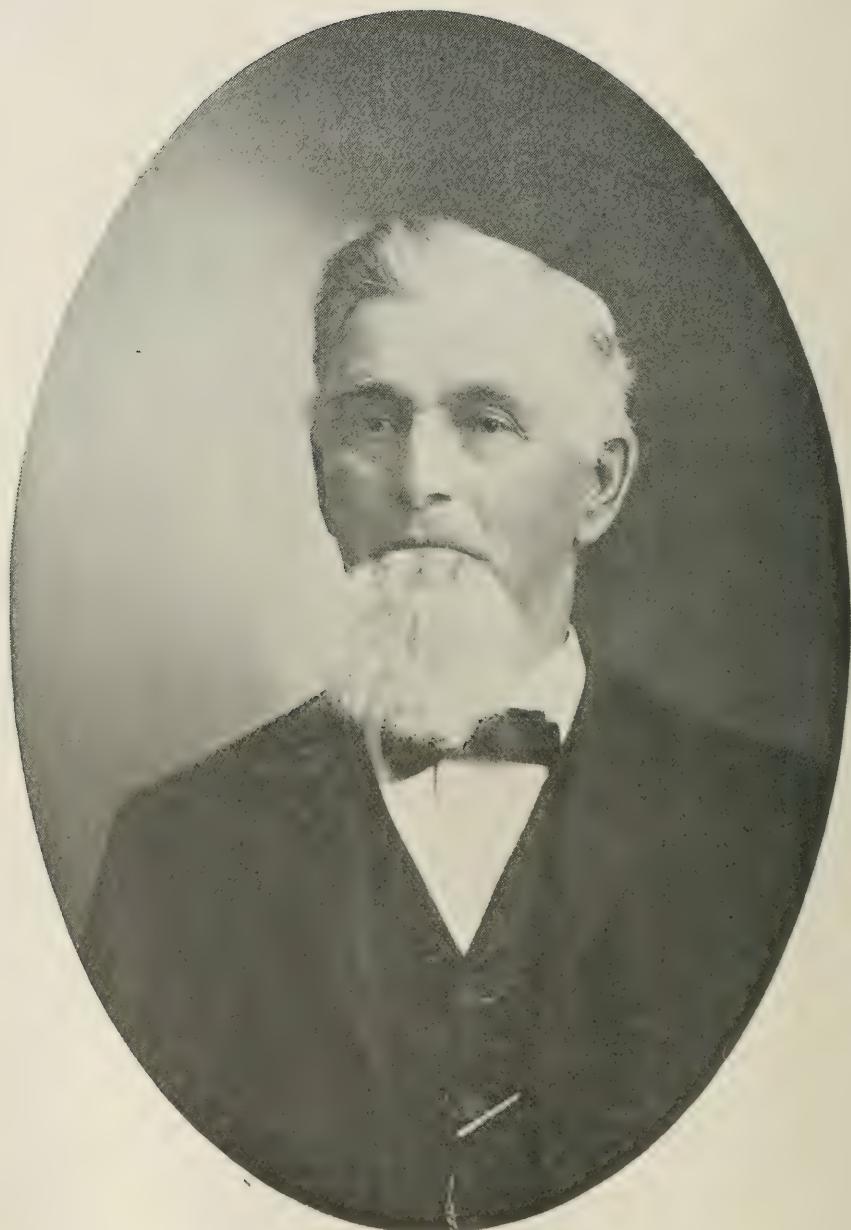
Mr. and Mrs. Schatz are members of the German Lutheran church, that being the faith in which they were reared, while Mr. Schatz gives his support in political matters to the democratic party, placing all confidence in the principles enunciated in its platform. While he cannot be called a politician in the sense of being a seeker for office, the success he was won in his own private concerns naturally suggested to his fellow citizens that he would be a man in whose judgment they might place reliance when it was exercised in their behalf. Accordingly through a period of twenty-seven years he was called upon to serve them as a school director and is now one of the trustees of the township. His duties have ever been administered with care and honor, so that he enjoys the respect and good will of those who have come in contact with him in a business way or as a representative of the people.

JOHN MATHIAS RUMMEL.

John Mathias Rummel, second son of George P. and Mary Stouffer Rummel, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1828. Seven years after his birth, in 1835, the father moved his family to Richland county, Ohio, locating in Worthington township, where John M. Rummel remained until 1846, with the exception of three summers, living with his five brothers and one sister. The latter was the youngest, and he was second in order of birth, having one brother older.

In the fall of 1846 Mr. Rummel went to Mansfield, Ohio, to learn the tanning business, at a time when the town had but one railroad, the New York & Sandusky. It was at Mansfield that he saw his first train of cars drawn by an engine and curious it looked to the country-bred lad. He remained with the firm of Lake & Hooker until November, 1848, when they dissolved their business. The following spring Mr. Rummel embarked in a tannery business for himself with R. W. Hazlett and they remained together until the fall of 1853. In the meanwhile he had lost his mother, on February 26, 1849, after an illness of but a few days, and he had devoted some time to assisting his father on the farm.

On July 26, 1853, Mr. Rummel married Margaret Ann McConkie, the oldest daughter of John and Margaret (Watts) McConkie, born in Richland county, Ohio, August 13, 1832. John McConkie was born September 13, 1800, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and married Margaret Watts, January 4, 1827. She was born near New Lisbon, Ohio, April 20, 1808. They had nine children, namely: Thomas, who is deceased; Margaret Ann, who married John Rummel; Sarah Jane, who married Jonathan Easterly; Catherine, who married Calvin Hazlett; Samuel, who is deceased; James, who is the sixth in order of birth; and Mary Ellen, who is also deceased; Harriet, who married William Robinson; and Hannah, who married John D. Frink.



JOHN M. RUMMEL



MRS. JOHN M. RUMMEL

From the time of his marriage, Mr. Rummel began preparing for his removal to Iowa, being greatly attracted to this state. He sold his stock in the tanyard and by September 1, 1853, had an outfit consisting of a span of horses, a wagon and a few boxes of necessities. In company with his wife and his brother Andrew he set out for what was then considered the far west, September 20, 1853. With them were John and William Moffitt, John Law, R. W. Hazlett and several others, it being the custom to travel in bands for protection and company. They came through Indiana, crossed the Mississippi River on a ferry-boat and landed in Rome, now Olin, Iowa, October 15, 1853.

On May 29, 1854, occurred the birth of their first child, Mary C., who is now the wife of C. W. B. Derr, of Anamosa, and seven others were later born, they being: John Albert, who lives at Lebanon, Missouri; Oliver Clark, who resides at Baxter Springs, Kansas; George Franklin, who lives at Chicago; David Sherman, who makes his home in Olin; Ella May, who died September 22, 1869; Fannie Rosetta, who married Wilbur Starry of Olin; and Margaret Jane, who lives at home. There are now five grandchildren in the family: George Franklin Derr, Ella Mabel Rummel, Roscoe Renne Rummel, Clarice Bernice Starry and Marguerite Rummel Starry.

A memorable event in the Rummel family was the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Rummel at their home in Olin, July 26, 1903. Seventy-eight near relatives attended the reception and assisted in making happy the two who had lived together for so long. Unfortunately in less than three years afterward the earthly ties that bound them were severed, when on Monday morning, April 9, 1906, Mr. Rummel breathed his last, and passed peacefully away to the God whose service he had entered on February 18, 1848, when he was converted in the old Methodist church at Mansfield, later joining that denomination and remaining true to its teachings for over half a century. At the time of his demise he lacked but ten days of the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth. Mr. Rummel left three brothers, George W., Josiah and David, and his widow, children and grandchildren as well as a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss. His other brothers were Andrew, who died March 27, 1905, and Jacob, who died October 11, 1900. The sister, Nancy Jane died near Olin, June 19, 1861. Prior to his demise, Jacob Rummel completed a very valuable genealogy of the Rummel family, dating it back to John Rummel, May 30, 1774.

The subject of this review lived on his farm until March 15, 1894, when he retired to Olin, locating in the home now occupied by Mrs. Rummel and there the remaining years of his happy life were spent. He was a man of careful habit, possessing a somewhat retiring disposition, unquestionable integrity, a benevolent spirit and a most sacred devotion to his family. He always treated his brothers with exceptional kindness. Mr. Rummel was a great lover of God's house and all His people of whatever name or faith and was punctual in his attendance upon the services. While true to the teachings of the Methodist church, in 1857 he united with the United Brethren denomination on account of there being no church of his faith in his locality. This class was organized by Samuel Easterly in a schoolhouse south of Olin, and afterward formed the St. John class. Later when he removed to Olin, Mr. Rummel transferred his membership to the

United Brethren class of this place, with which communion he remained until his death.

"And thus the noble of this life
Are bidding us adieu!
To join the faithful gone before,
And beckon us there too."

HENRY C. PRESTON.

Henry C. Preston, the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Madison township, has now made his home within the borders of this county for forty-five years. His birth occurred in Defiance county, Ohio, on the 7th of December, 1831, his parents being William C. and Acenath (Butler) Preston, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Michigan. Locating at Fort Defiance, the father there conducted a trading post for ten or twelve years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Williams county, Ohio, where he entered a quarter section of land and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. This farm afterward became the site of the town of Edgerton. The death of William C. Preston there occurred in 1837, when he had attained the age of fifty-two years. His political allegiance was given to the whig party and he served for two terms as sheriff of Defiance county. He was a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and the weight of his influence was ever given on the side of right, truth, justice and progress. His widow, long surviving him, removed westward in 1854 and throughout the remaining years of her life made her home among her children in Iowa. She lived to attain the ripe old age of eighty-five years, passing away in April, 1888. At the time of Hull's surrender she was a resident of Detroit.

Henry C. Preston was reared amid rural surroundings, in a sparsely settled and still undeveloped district. The schoolhouse in which he obtained his education was a primitive log structure with slab benches and puncheon floor. He lost his father when but five years of age and was thus early thrown upon his own resources, working for neighboring farmers when a little lad of ten years. He was employed as a farm hand and also in other capacities until 1856, when he was married and the following year started out as an agriculturist on his own account. The young couple began their domestic life in an old log cabin, their furniture consisting of a Jewsharp stove, a half dozen handmade chairs with split bottoms, a bed and some minor effects. The farm on which he located, consisting of fifty acres in Williams county, Ohio, had been purchased prior to his marriage. There he carried on the work of the fields energetically and successfully for eight years and in the spring of 1864 made his way to Iowa, locating in Madison township, Jones county, where he has since continued to reside. The farm which he now owns and occupies came into his possession in 1880 and has been his place of abode from that time to the present. It is a very productive and valuable property and indicates in its neat and thrifty appearance the practical and progressive spirit of

the owner, who has long been numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

Mr. Preston has been twice married. In 1856 he wedded Miss Helen Parker, of Bridgewater, Ohio, who was called to her final rest in the year 1870. Unto them were born four children, three of whom still survive, namely: Estella, the wife of William Stingley, of Center Junction, Jones county; William H., who operates the home farm; and Helen A., the wife of Eugene Woodburn, of Jersey City, New Jersey.

In April, 1884, Mr. Preston was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Olive Collier, the widow of Joel Collier. Her parents, Horace and Humility (Evans) Bartow, came to Iowa from the state of New York in 1854 and took up their abode on Bear creek in Madison township, this county, on a land grant which had been given the father in recognition of his services as a soldier in the war of 1812. Subsequently he entered more land until his farm in Madison township comprised two hundred and forty acres, while he also owned a quarter section in Tama county, Iowa. He passed away in 1880, at the age of eighty-five years, and two years later his wife was also called to the home beyond, being at that time eighty-two years of age. The family has been a patriotic one, Mrs. Preston's father not only served in the war of 1812, but her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Evans, fought for American independence in the Revolutionary war, and her brother served two years and eight months in the Civil war, being a member of Company G, First Iowa Cavalry, and was discharged at Davenport. By her first marriage Mrs. Preston became the mother of four children, three of whom are yet living, as follows: Henry, a resident of Center Junction, Jones county; Ida, the wife of George Andrews, of Madison township, this county; and Ella, the wife of William H. Preston, who operates his father's farm.

Politically Mr. Preston is a stalwart advocate of the democracy, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

JOHN PASHEK, JR.

John Pashek, Jr., an enterprising agriculturist of Oxford township, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres on sections 22 and 23, was born in that township, on the 24th of February, 1884. His parents, John and Barbara Pashek, who were natives of Bohemia, emigrated to the United States in the year 1879 and, coming to Jones county, Iowa, purchased and located on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. They now make their home in Oxford Junction and are well known and highly esteemed residents of the community. Their children are two in number, namely: John, of this review; and Mamie, who is still under the parental roof.

John Pashek, Jr., attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and early in life became familiar with the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist through the assistance which he rendered his father in the work of the home place. When twenty-one years of age he purchased the old homestead farm, comprising one hundred and seventeen acres on sections 22 and 23, Oxford township, and has since devoted his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement with gratifying success. The neat and attractive appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision and practical and progressive methods, and he has already gained recognition among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the community.

In February, 1906, Mr. Pashek was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Wosoba, a native of Oxford Junction, this county, and a daughter of A. J. and Mary Wosoba. The father was born in Bohemia and crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early day. The mother is a native of Iowa and is still a resident of Oxford Junction, but her husband has passed away. Their children were three in number.

In politics Mr. Pashek is a democrat but has no desire for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. Both he and his wife are faithful communicants of the Catholic church and their many good qualities have won them an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

J. P. SCROGGS.

J. P. Scroggs needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for his record is largely a familiar one to the citizens of Jones county. He has figured long and prominently in the public life of the community, and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. He has recently retired from the mayoralty, having given Anamosa a public-spirited, businesslike administration, characterized by both reform and progress. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1841, and is a son of Allen and Eliza (Ryan) Scroggs, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. In the year 1849 they left the Buckeye state and removed westward to Jones county, Iowa, making the journey by boat and landing at Dewitt, while the remainder of the way was covered with ox-teams. Eventually they reached Anamosa, which was then a small but growing town. The father was a physician, becoming one of the first practitioners in Jones county, and in the early days, when this district was but sparsely settled, he rode for long miles across the prairie to minister to the sick and suffering. He remained for many years the loved family physician in many households and at the ripe old age of eighty-five years passed away honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife died at the age of seventy-seven years. Comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family save that the grandfather, Allen Scroggs, was of Scotch descent, while his wife was of German lineage. In the father's family there were the following children: Samantha, the deceased wife of C. L. Niles, a resident of Anamosa; Lena, who

became the wife of Linas Pitcher, who resided in Anamosa for some years and then went to Boston, and is now deceased, his widow making her home in Boston; Nellie, the wife of C. L. Niles, of Anamosa, by whom she has one son, Clifford; Maude, the wife of William Louden, of Seattle, Washington, by whom she has five children; J. P., of this review; John, who married Miss Hattie Streeter, resided at Anamosa, Iowa, and finally at Kirkman, this state, where his death occurred when he was forty-five years of age, his widow and one child, Lewis surviving; and L. A., who lives in Beatrice, Nebraska, and has six children.

J. P. Scroggs remained at home through the period of his minority and pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses which were a common feature in pioneer days. He went through the usual experiences, hardships and privations of frontier life, and his memory covers the period when much of this district was a wild and unsettled prairie, covered with the native prairie grasses through the summer months, while in the winter seasons it presented the appearance of an unbroken and dazzling sheet of snow. He was only twelve years of age when his father sent him to Muscatine with the vigilance committee. The father was much interested in raising and selling horses, and the vigilance committee was the protection of the stock-raisers against the thieving band who roamed over the country and stole the stock. After attaining his majority J. P. Scroggs engaged in clerking for a year. He was quite young when he began to work at the carpenter's trade, but later turned his attention to buying and selling horses, which he shipped to Boston and New York. He is now one of the oldest horse dealers in the county and his business has been scarcely equaled in extent by that of any other dealer. In a measure he still continues in the same line of business, though not so actively as in former years. In all of his undertakings he has manifested a spirit of enterprise that has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward in business lines.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. Scroggs was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Graves, a daughter of William and Electa Graves, natives of New York. They came to Iowa about 1860 and established their home in Jones county. It was in that year that Mr. Scroggs went to Pike's Peak, attracted by the gold discoveries in that section of Colorado. He traveled westward with four yoke of oxen and remained for a year in the mines, after which he returned to Jones county, where he has resided continuously since. Unto him and his wife was born one son, Charles P., who married Miss Mamie Burke, a daughter of Thomas Burke, and now resides in Dallas, South Dakota. They have two daughters, Ethel and Ruth. Mrs. Eliza Scroggs died in 1896 and in 1898 Mr. Scroggs was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Nina S. Hales, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Duncan, who were natives of Illinois.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Scroggs is an Odd Fellow, having become a member of the order in 1864. He was a charter member of the lodge at Earlville, Iowa, and now belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 40. In politics he is an independent republican, usually supporting the candidates of that party yet not considering himself bound by party ties. He has been active and influential in political circles, and that he has the entire confidence of the public in matters of citizenship is indicated in the long period in which he has been retained in office through the vote of his fellow townsmen. He served for about a quarter of a century

as a member of the city council and in 1906 was elected mayor of Anamosa, filling the office for three years. He has also acted as a substitute for other mayors during their absence from the city and at all times has exercised his official prerogative in support of measures that have been instituted for the benefit and upbuilding of the city. He has been a member of the school board for many years and is active in public matters, having been a source of value in promoting the municipal welfare. He possesses in his nature those qualities of sociability and geniality which everywhere win warm friendships and high regard.

ANDREW DAVIDSON.

One of the well known and substantial men of Lovell township is Andrew Davidson, who was for some years one of the most extensive breeders of pure bred shorthorn cattle and Clydesdale horses in this county. He was born in South Ontario, Canada, June 29, 1845, his parents being James I. and Barbara (Hendrie) Davidson, both natives of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. In 1841, shortly after their marriage, they crossed the Atlantic settling in South Ontario county, Ontario, Canada, which remained their home throughout the remainder of their lives. There James I. Davidson engaged in agricultural pursuits but he soon became interested in breeding shorthorn cattle, looking to the land of his birth for the foundations of his stock. His first animals were brought from the herd of Amos Cruikshank, of Sittyton, who has since won a world-wide fame for his breed of animals, and arrived about 1871. Speaking of this consignment, one who knew of his work said: "(It) transferred to America some of the most valuable blood of the Cruikshank herd, from which have descended a large number of the best cattle in the breeding herds of Canada and the United States, and predominates largely in the most successful show cattle of the present day." In the course of years, although he remained loyal to his first choice, he never let slip an opportunity to better the quality of his animals or bring them to a grade that met with his ideals. A friend, John Dryden, the Ontario minister of agriculture, in speaking of his work after his death said in part: "He was always a liberal feeder and was able to bring out the best in any of his animals. He had the canny ways of a well-bred Scotchman in dealing with his customers, and was always considered among those of us who knew him best to be a good salesman; but when a bargain was made, his word as always as good as his bond. His judgment of a beast was always sound, and even in his latter years, when his eyesight had partially failed, if his hands could be allowed to run over a few animals on which his judgment was desired, he seldom failed to select the best. His name will always be connected with the history of shorthorns in America."

Such a man was it who had the distinction of having polled a majority in his home town when he was the reform candidate to represent the riding in the Canadian parliament. It was only through constant urging that he accepted the nomination, for he was a man of modest and retiring disposition, but he had many friends and few if any enemies, as the result of the election demonstrated. Four sons and one daughter were born to him and his wife: John, of Ashburn, On-



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tario; James I. and Mrs. Miller, who live with their father; George, of Monticello, Iowa; and Andrew, who is the subject of this sketch. The father's death occurred February 15, 1902, when he was in the eighty-fourth year of his age. His life was noble and the remembrance of it makes for better citizenship and will always exercise an inspiring influence both in the immediate fields in which he was active and beyond in the world of men and affairs.

Andrew Davidson, who has proved himself a worthy successor of his father and has engaged in similar lines of work, was reared at home, while he received his education in the common schools. Even after he reached man's estate he remained with his father until he was past the age of thirty. In 1877 he and his brother George came to the United States, locating in Castle Grove township, this county, where they purchased the White farm of three hundred and twenty acres. In the following years they added to it until it embraced five hundred and thirteen acres, which was for many years the scene of their joint labors. In partnership they engaged in the breeding and importing of registered horses and of shorthorn cattle, becoming widely known throughout the country as having some of the finest stock in the middle west. In 1902 the brothers severed their connection and Andrew Davidson removed to his present handsome home, with a plot of forty acres in the suburbs of Monticello. Here he has in a small way continued the breeding of shorthorn cattle, but has practically given up his interests in horse breeding. His name is still potent among those engaged in like pursuits and his judgment of animals is regarded as valuable, being frequently sought by others.

On the 25th of December, 1874, Mr. Davidson wedded Miss Janet Burns, of South Ontario. Three daughters have been born to them: Margaret B., who is now the wife of Samuel P. Eberhart, of Laredo, Missouri; Mary, who is at home; and Jessie G., who is the wife of Lawrence T. Gaylord, a civil engineer in the employ of the government at Port Arthur, Texas. All three daughters graduated from the Monticello high school, and the two younger ones received degrees from the State Agricultural College at Ames. The family are members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Davidson is a deacon.

When he was made a citizen of this republic Mr. Davidson espoused the principles of the republican party, but he has never been an aspirant for public office. He holds active membership, however, in various societies connected with his particular field of activity, including the Shortorn Breeders Association and the Clydesdale Breeders Association. Looking back over his life's record, open and patent as it has been to all, it may well be said not only that he is one of the leaders of his line of work, but that he richly deserves the high esteem in which those who have known him intimately, socially and in a business way hold him.

PIATT STRIEBY.

Piatt Strieby, a farmer of Rome township, was born in Pennsylvania, February 7, 1871, his parents being A. L. and Joan (Sedam) Strieby, also natives of the Keystone state, and the father never left that part of the country but died and was buried in the place of his birth. The mother, on the other hand, came

west to Iowa when several of her children had found that the opportunities for life here were better than in the east. She is now living in Cedar county and is in the sixtieth year of her age. To Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Strieby were born six children: Piatt, of this review; W. J., of Olathe, Colorado; Maggie, who is the wife of A. A. Schick, of Cedar county, Iowa; S. S., who lives in Texas; B. B., who lives in Michigan; and Helen, who makes her home in Cedar county.

Piatt Strieby received a fair education in the common schools and remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began life for himself. He came to Iowa to obtain his start and for a year worked in Cedar county as a farm hand. He then found employment in a tile factory and after two years' experience was made foreman of a party of workmen, a position he held for six years. In 1904 he rented a farm for three years and on the expiration of his lease bought the eighty acres in Rome township on which he is living today. It is a tract of good land lying on section 36, where Mr. Strieby pursues general farming with much profit to himself.

In 1894 Mr. Strieby was united in marriage to Miss Estella Rummel, who was born in 1874 in Cedar county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Josiah and Isabel (Steward) Rummel. Her parents were both natives of Ohio, the father born in Richland county, the mother in Delaware county, but came to Iowa with their respective parents in 1850 and were married in 1863. They lived together in Jones county until the mother passed away December 3, 1900. Mr. Rummel is still living and makes his home in Olin. Six children were born to him and his wife: Nancy J., who is the wife of William Oberton, of Cedar county, Iowa; one who died in infancy; Sarah J., deceased; Charles P., of Brazoria, Texas; Estella B., who married Mr. Strieby; and David H., who lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Strieby have five children: Alfred L., Inez M., Howard R., Ilah F. and William J. They are members of the United Presbyterian church and are rearing their children in conformance to its doctrines. Fraternally Mr. Strieby enjoys congenial relations with the Modern Woodmen of America at Stanwood, Iowa, while in politics he gives his support to the democratic party and is a stanch supporter of its principles.

HARVEY W. FLENNIKEN.

Harvey W. Flenniken, the cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank of Olin, which he established in 1899, was born in Millsville, Clayton county, Iowa, on the 7th of February, 1859, his parents being Wallace W. and Gertrude (Harvey) Flenniken. The paternal grandfather, John Calvin Flenniken, was a brother of the mother of United States Senator Cummins. Wallace W. Flenniken, the father of our subject, was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and a millwright by trade. He was a man of much mechanical skill and ingenuity and was the inventor of the Flenniken water wheel. His demise occurred at Colesburg, Iowa, in 1863, when he was only about thirty years of age. His widow still survives and makes her home with her son, Harvey W. She also has another son, John Calvin, who is a resident of Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Harvey W. Flenniken spent the first nineteen or twenty years of his life on a farm in his native county, obtaining his preliminary education in the district schools, while subsequently he attended a graded school at Elkader. On leaving Clayton county he went to Rockford, Illinois, where he learned the machinist's trade, with which he was actively identified for twelve years. He remained in Rockford for but two years, however, and then removed to Springfield, where he secured employment in a watch factory as a builder of machinery. Later he made his way to Aurora, Illinois, and assisted in the installation of machinery in the watch factory there. Afterward he worked at his trade in Chicago for two years and then went to Delmar, Clinton county, Iowa, there establishing the Bank of Delmar. After conducting the same for seven years he sold out to his partner and came to Olin, Jones county, in 1899, here establishing the Citizens Savings Bank, a state institution, to which he has since devoted his entire attention. He is thoroughly informed concerning the banking business and while he promotes a progressive policy he also holds to such conservative methods as merit the trust of the general public.

In 1898 Mr. Flenniken was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Donley, a native of Jackson county, Iowa, and a daughter of J. C. Donley. They are now the parents of two children, John Calvin and Donald Arthur.

In his political views Mr. Flenniken is a stanch republican and while living in Delmar served as mayor for five years and also as justice of the peace for one term. He is a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., at Olin, likewise of the chapter at Aurora and of Olive Lodge of the Eastern Star. He is interested in all that pertains to the general welfare, and his cooperation is given to many measures calculated to promote the material, political and moral interests of the community.

REV. P. H. McNAMARA.

Rev. P. H. McNamara, who is ministering to the spiritual needs of the Catholic parish at Oxford, was born in County Clare, Ireland, February 27, 1874, a son of Andrew and Ann (Hayes) McNamara, who have spent their entire lives on the Emerald Isle, where they still maintain their home. Their family numbered nine children, seven of whom have reached years of maturity, namely: Rev. Andrew McNamara, of County Tipperary, Ireland; Father P. H. McNamara, of this review; James and Michael, who are upon the home farm in Ireland; Sister Mechtildes, a Sister of Mercy at Kilrush, Ireland; Theresa, at home with her parents; and Elizabeth, who died in Ireland at the age of twenty-one years. Two cousins of Father McNamara are residing at Oxford Junction: Miss Nell Lalor who is a teacher of music, and Miss Agnes Lalor, who is clerk in the creamery office at Oxford, the former having been in America for two years and the latter for five years.

Father McNamara, of this review, was reared in his native county and for four years was a student in the diocese college. He afterward entered All Hallows College, a foreign mission school at Dublin, Ireland, there completing a

course in June, 1898. In September of the same year he came to the United States, settling at Dubuque, Iowa, where he was appointed chaplain of the Sisters of Mercy. After four months he was sent by the archbishop to Charles City, Iowa, where he labored as assistant priest for eight months, when he was transferred to South Sheldon, Iowa, and had charge of the parish there for eight months, during the absence of the regular priest in Europe. He was also for three months at Ryan, Iowa, and in November, 1900, came to Oxford Junction. There are also two missions in connection with this parish—at Baldwin and at Hughes settlement. The Baldwin church was destroyed by fire in June, 1909, and is now being rebuilt. Father McNamara has done excellent work in behalf of the church during the nine years of his residence here, carefully ministering to the spiritual needs of his congregation and at the same time proving of assistance to them in material things by his kindly advice and counsel.

D. S. COOLEY.

For the past ten years the village of Onslow has claimed D. S. Cooley as one of its most honored and respected retired citizens. The rest which he now enjoys is well merited for throughout a long period he was busily engaged in farming and still owns a valuable property of two hundred and thirty-two acres in Wyoming township, Jones county. Mr. Cooley was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 28, 1827, a son of Clark and Mary (Sinkey) Cooley. The father was born in the state of New York, while the mother claimed Pennsylvania as the place of her birth. They removed to Licking county at a very early day and the father there purchased a tract of timber land. He at once made a small clearing sufficient to erect a log cabin and after getting his family settled in this crude dwelling he gave his time to clearing the remainder of the land, which in due time he placed under cultivation and reaped good harvests. He made his home in Licking county until the fall of 1841, when attracted by the opportunities offered farther west, he made his way to Jackson county, Iowa, and there entered a claim, which he improved and cultivated until his death. His family numbered twelve children but only two are now living—our subject and one daughter.

D. S. Cooley early became familiar with pioneer life. He was reared in Licking county to the age of fourteen years and while there assisted his father in the arduous task of developing and improving his farm. The family then removed to Jackson county, Iowa, and there, too, the son shared in the hardships incident to making a home in a new country. The advantages he enjoyed were few. In the summer months he had to assist in the farm work and in the winter seasons pursued his studies in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, in which the methods of instruction were quite as primitive as the structure. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, when he entered a tract of land in Jackson county, which he developed and improved, making his home thereon for a decade. In the spring of 1860 he traded that land for a farm of two hundred and thirty-two acres in Wyoming township, Jones county. Removing to that place he there made his home for thirty-nine years and during this period saw much

arduous labor. At that time the farm machinery was crude as compared to that used at the present time and to cultivate a farm of that acreage meant much hard labor. However, Mr. Cooley was equal to the task and as the years passed he prospered, each year gathering rich crops as a reward for his work. In 1899, believing that he was comfortably situated in life and that he might spend the remainder of his days in rest, he took up his abode in Onslow, where he has since made his home. He occupies here a comfortable residence and is surrounded by a host of warm friends. He still retains possession of his farm property and this supplies him with all the comforts of life.

On the 22d of September, 1850, Mr. Cooley was married to Miss Katherine Hogle, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, January 11, 1832, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Baker) Hogle, the former born in New York and the latter in Maryland. They reared a family of four children. Both the parents are now deceased, the father passing away in Licking county, while the mother died at the home of her daughter in Jones county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cooley have been born seven children, three sons and four daughters, as follows: Smith, now a resident of Lyon county, Kansas; Geneva, the wife of Samuel Paul, a resident of Onslow; Oscar, of Oakland, California; Elizabeth, the wife of J. F. Cohoon, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Louie Bell, the wife of O. E. Tabor, of Jackson county, this state; Josephine, deceased; and R. D., a resident of Wyoming township, Jones county.

Mr. Cooley has always given his political support to the men and measures of democracy but has never been active in the work of the party or in public affairs, the only public office he ever filled being that of school treasurer. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cooley is regarded as one of the worthy pioneers of Jones county, who, though in a quiet way, has exerted immeasurable influence upon the community in which he has so long made his home, and now in the evening of his days he is enabled to enjoy, with his wife, the accumulations of the passing years.

JOHN H. EDEN.

John H. Eden, one of the substantial farmers and dairymen of Lovell township, was born in Hanover, Germany, February 7, 1853, and is a son of John H. and Margaret (Bachenhauser) Eden. The parents were also natives of Germany and never left the fatherland in which all their life was spent. They have now passed away as have six of the eight children born to them, Margaret, now Mrs. Dix, of Monticello, Iowa, and John H. being the only ones surviving.

John H. Eden was a man grown, who had already had some experience in life, when in 1877 he came to the United States. Almost immediately after his arrival in this land he located in Jones county, where he secured work as a farm hand. For four years he toiled in that capacity and then, having acquired some familiarity with the language and customs of the country of his adoption, he rented a tract of land, which he tilled for two years. Then he went to Le Mars, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and lived for four years. At the end of that period

he returned to Jones county, married and rented the place which belonged to his father-in-law, it being his home at present. It is a tract of two hundred and thirty-three acres, situated on sections 35 and 36, Lovell township, and is now in the possession of Mr. Eden. In addition to this he owns ten acres near Monticello, twenty acres in Richland township, one hundred and eighty acres in Castle Grove township and eighty acres in Wayne township, all of which indicate the success with which he has followed his chosen vocation. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he has engaged in the dairy business, obtaining a profit from this field of operations that is equally as gratifying as that derived from his purely agricultural interests. His industry has ever been one of the important elements in his character, and this united with his economy has been the source of the good fortune that places him in the foremost rank of the **farmers** of Lovell township.

Mr. Eden was married March 8, 1887 to Miss T. Margaret Haken, a native of this county and a daughter of Wesley B. Hanken, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume. Five children have been born to them: John H., Jr., Wesley B., Nannie, Eddie G. and Anna M. Nannie has passed away, but the others are living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eden are members of the German Lutheran church at Sandhill and are rearing their family in accordance with its teachings. Politically Mr. Eden is a republican, that being the party to which he looked for guidance when he was admitted to citizenship in this republic. Having received a good education in the land of his birth, where educational institutions are of the very highest kind, he has always evinced a keen interest in the welfare of the school here and now enjoys the satisfaction of seeing his public spirit in this matter recognized by his fellow citizens who elected him president of the school board. In this capacity he has been able to exercise considerable influence for the improvement of popular instruction.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON.

George W. Johnson, who owns one of the best farms in Jackson township, is not only a good farmer but also a prominent democrat and party organizer whose influence in local matters is strong although the republicans are in the majority in this locality. Mr. Johnson is a native of Jones county, having been born in Jackson township, April 13, 1868, and he has put forth his best efforts here. He is a son of the Rev. Joseph H. and Katherine E. (Bowlby) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1827, and the latter in the same place in 1829. In 1860 they came to Jones county, Iowa, where both died, the father February 26, 1886, while his wife passed away February 3, 1882. Mr. Johnson was a clergyman of the Christian church, as well as a farmer, and was a most worthy and excellent man who made many friends wherever he went. He and his wife had nine children as follows: Owen, who lives in Farnam, Nebraska; Naomi, who married John Landis; Margaret, who married John McMurrin; Homer B., who lives in Jackson township; Maria, who married Milton Byerly; George W.;



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Mary J., who married James McMurrin of Greenfield township, brother of John McMurrin; Ollie A., who married A. W. Hopkins of Fairview township; and Walter, who lives in Denver, Colorado. Owen and Naomi were twins, and the latter and Margaret are deceased.

After the death of his father George W. Johnson lived with his sister Mrs. Byerly until his marriage. He now owns eighty acres on section 4, Jackson township, and has converted it into one of the finest pieces of farming property in his part of the county. In addition to this farm, Mr. Johnson has owned Colorado lands and is now interested in some silver ore mines in that state. Ever since attaining to man's estate he has been an important factor in the democratic party in Jones county and was defeated in 1896 and 1908 for county clerk. In 1896 he ran ahead of his ticket and in 1908 was only beaten by one hundred and seventy votes. In spite of the fact that his party is in the minority, Mr. Johnson has served as township clerk for six years, owing to his personal popularity. His religious connections are with the United Brethren church and he belongs to that denomination. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and takes an interest in that order.

In 1891, Mr. Johnson was married to Rose V. Hay, who was born in Jackson township, January 12, 1873, a daughter of Orlando W. and Della L. (Dunlap) Hay, the former of whom is deceased and the latter resides at Anamosa. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one daughter, Belle, who is a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

The Johnson family is of English descent although unfortunately the date of settlement in the new world has not been preserved, but Mr. Johnson has inherited many of the English sterling traits of character and has made his own way in life, never shirking a duty or refusing to support a principle he believed was right, and it is such men as he who make up the reliable portion of any community.

E. M. BABCOCK.

The mercantile interests of Wyoming find a worthy representative in E. M. Babcock, proprietor of a drug and jewelry store of that city. His birth occurred in New York on the 6th of March, 1852, his parents being Cottrell and Martha L. (Armstrong) Babcock, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The first representatives of the Babcock family in this country came from England in 1640 and took up their abode in Massachusetts but subsequently removed to New York. Cottrell Babcock, the father of our subject, was an agriculturist by occupation and in 1858 came west to Jones county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in the eastern part of Wyoming township. There he successfully carried on his agricultural interests until 1884, when he put aside the active work of the fields and lived retired in Wyoming until called to his final rest in 1889 at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a well known and highly respected citizen of the community and an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he was deeply and helpfully interested. His wife had passed away in the year 1863. Their union was blessed with five sons and two daughters, as

follows: Charles H.; E. M., of this review; Edward R.; Herbert C.; Mrs. Alice Calahan; and two who died in infancy.

E. M. Babcock, who was a little lad of six years when he came to this county with his parents, pursued his education in the country schools and also in the public schools of Wyoming. Subsequently he gave his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the home farm for two years and in 1878 came to Wyoming establishing himself in the drug business. Afterward he opened a jewelry store and has since built up an extensive business in this line, now enjoying a large and remunerative patronage. In 1900, in association with Peter Jansen, he installed the Independent Telephone System in Wyoming, being connected therewith until 1908, when he sold out his interest.

In 1879 Mr. Babcock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wherry, who was born in Ohio, her parents being David and Mary Ann (Bratton) Wherry, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. Mrs. Babcock, who was one of a family of five sons and five daughters, was but two years of age when brought to this county by her parents. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Babcock have been born two children: Irma A., now the wife of Wayne Pringle, of Galesburg, Illinois; and Kenneth E.

Politically Mr. Babcock is a stalwart advocate of the republican party and, though he does not desire the honors and emoluments of office, has been called to serve the public in various capacities. He acted as mayor of Wyoming for three years and has been a member of the council for thirteen or fourteen years and on the school board for six years, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and efficient manner. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church and to the Masonic fraternity, being now past master of Keystone Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wyoming. The period of his residence in Jones county covers more than a half century and he is widely recognized as one of its most prosperous, worthy and representative citizens.

WILLIAM ANDREW HOGAN.

In all the relations of life in which William Andrew Hogan has figured he has been found a man of sterling worth and reliability, active and energetic in business, systematic and methodical in the discharge of public duties. He is now filling the position of sheriff of Jones county, in which capacity he has served continuously since January, 1904. He was born December 25, 1864, in Castle Grove township, this county, his parents being Dennis M. and Susan (Buyan) Hogan, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

In early life the parents bade adieu to the green isle of Erin and sailed for the new world. It was in this country that they became acquainted and were married and as early as 1840 had established their home in Jones county, settling in Castle Grove township. With its early development and progress they were closely associated and as pioneer residents took an active part in reclaiming the district for the purpose of civilization. For many years Dennis M. Hogan continued a factor in business circles and on the 3d of December, 1893, passed away

at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother is quietly spending her declining days upon the old homestead in Castle Grove township and is one of the worthy pioneer women of the county whose memory covers the period of its early development. Unto this worthy couple there were born twelve children: Elizabeth and Catherine, twins; Mary; William Andrew, of this review; Daniel; Nellie; Matilda; Agnes; Lawrence and Stacy, twins, both of whom died in infancy; Dennis, who died at the age of fifteen as the result of a runaway accident; and Marcella, who passed away at the age of fifteen.

On the old homestead William Andrew Hogan spent his youthful days, assisting in the farm duties and receiving all the educational advantages offered by the public schools. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and was busily engaged in the work of the fields until 1887, when at the age of twenty-four years, he was elected to the office of sheriff of Jones county, creditably filling the position for six years. On his retirement from office he turned his attention to merchandising as proprietor of a meat market and grocery store, under the firm name of Koffman & Hogan. He continued in that business for fifteen months, and then sold out to his partner. Soon afterward he engaged in the exportation of horses, which he followed for about a year, after which he resumed farming on the old homestead, there remaining from 1898 until 1904. In November, 1903, he was once more chosen to the office of sheriff and has since continued in that position, so that his service in the office altogether will cover thirteen years. He is prompt, faithful and fearless in the discharge of his duties and his name has become a menace to those who do not hold themselves amenable to the law. Mr. Hogan is a democrat in his political views and affiliation and the fact that he has been elected to the same office six times in a republican district shows his popularity as a man and citizen, while his reelection indicates the fidelity of his services during his first term.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hogan is connected with the Knights of Columbus at Cedar Rapids and with the Modern Woodmen Camp at Anamosa. He is also a member of the Catholic church. His entire life has been passed in the county of his nativity where he has many friends who have known him from his boyhood days to the present time. A gentleman of fine personality, courteous and genial, he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

THEODORE CLOTHIER.

Theodore Clothier, now living retired at Olin, Iowa, was born near Kemptville, Ontario, Canada, July 30, 1840, being a son of John S. and Annie (Holden) Clothier, natives of Corinth, New York, where she was born in 1803 and he in 1805. They were there reared and married, having two children before their removal to Ontario, Canada. Three more children were born in their new home before they returned to New York state, settling in Oswego, where still another child was born. In 1847 they moved west to Winnebago county, Illinois. The next change was a trip back to Oswego, New York, but in 1851 they again went

to Winnebago county, Illinois, and from there to Jones county, Iowa, where a settlement was made in Rome township. The spirit of the pioneer sent the family west to Nebraska in 1879, Theodore Clothier locating in Harlan county and the remainder in Hamilton county, where the parents died, the mother when ninety-three and the father when ninety-eight. By trade he was a carpenter. A lover of home, he took no part in public affairs aside from casting his votes first for the candidates of the whig and later the republican party. His first republican vote was for Fremont, his last for McKinley. The children born to John S. Clothier and wife were six in number, as follows: Smith is now residing in the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, Iowa, having served in the Second Illinois Volunteer Artillery during the Civil war; Cynthia Ann married William H. Blackmar and died when thirty years old, leaving two children; Theodore is the third in order of birth; Thurlow lives in Hamilton county, Nebraska, on the first farm which his father there purchased; Sabrina E. married Albert H. Colby of Pleasant Valley township, Jones county, but now a resident of Cotesfield, Howard county, Nebraska; and Horatio lives in Olin, Iowa.

Theodore Clothier began working with his father at the carpenter trade when fourteen years old, following that vocation until he attained his majority, when he rented a hotel and operated it for some time. Afterward he engaged in business as a contractor and builder until his retirement.

Mr. Clothier has a splendid war record, enlisting August 12, 1862, in Company G, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Jackson, Champion Hills, Black River, Missionary Ridge, was in the Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea, then on through the Carolinas to Washington, where he participated in the grand review. He was in a number of other engagements and was one of the twenty-three of his company who survived to return home. He was with his command continuously and participated in every engagement in which it took part. He is now a member of Don M. Carpenter Post, No. 191, G. A. R., of Olin. He is also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, at that place, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is active in lodge work. For forty years he has been a member of the Methodist church, and his political views make him a republican.

On August 9, 1860, Mr. Clothier married Nancy Marsh, who was born in Jasper county, Indiana, July 5, 1843, and was brought to Jones county, Iowa, in 1857 by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Marsh. She died January 13, 1903. The following five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clothier: John Cyrus born May 20, 1861, died as the result of an accident, March 13, 1904, leaving a widow and two daughters; Theodora, born September 1862, while her father was serving his country, died when ten months old and he never saw her; Elmer E., born in 1866, is the publisher of the Railway Bridge and Building Magazine and is a foreman on the Milwaukee Railroad, being a carpenter by trade; Annie E. is the wife of W. F. Glick, of Anamosa; and Freeman Smith died in infancy. All the children were born in Olin, Iowa.

Mr. Clothier's life has been filled with exciting incidents. In 1859, when a lad of nineteen, he left his home in Winnebago county, Illinois, and went to Pike's Peak with an ox-team. As there was so much danger anticipated from the Indians, people traveled together, and there were forty wagons in the band joined

by Mr. Clothier. Leaving Omaha in the spring he reached Pike's Peak in due time, returning the same fall to find his father and family making ready to move to Iowa. He made the trip with them and, reaching this state, secured employment as a mail carrier. His trip took three days, he covering forty miles per day and continuing this work for two years. He has met with four seemingly fatal accidents, being blown up by a discharge of powder; was nearly drowned; was one out of five who were poisoned in Benton Barracks and as the only one to survive a stroke of lightning, but the last accident has left its mark, from which he feels he can never fully recover. It happened June 11, 1870, near Stanwood, Cedar county, Iowa. The sky was almost cloudless when the lightning struck Mr. Clothier and charred his body so badly that he was regarded as dead. So terrible was it that a rule he carried in his hip pocket had its brass ends completely melted, as were his keys, the ring to which they were attached and a nail set and the blades of his knife. However, he was resuscitated and has outlived his wife.

The scars of this terrible experience remain, however. The horse he was riding when struck was killed instantly. For many years Mr. Clothier received letters asking that he explain the accident. Finally the case attracted such universal interest that the New York Electrical Review under February 13, 1895, came out in a long article giving an account of it in detail, publishing a letter from Mr. Clothier. In it he expresses the fear that he will lose his sight as a result of his terrible experience and therefore no longer be able to see his wife. This is pitiful in view of the fact that she has passed away, leaving her afflicted husband to bear his burdens alone.

H. ERICKSON.

H. Erickson, one of the substantial and leading agriculturists of Madison township, was born in Norway on the 7th of April, 1848. His father was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in Norway. Mr. Erickson was reared under the parental roof and obtained a common-school education, but his opportunities in that direction were limited, for the schoolhouse was so far distant from his home that regular attendance was out of the question. On attaining his majority he determined to test the truth of the reports which he had heard concerning the many advantages to be enjoyed in the new world and in 1869 crossed the Atlantic to the United States. During the summer of that year he worked as a farm hand in Mount Carroll, Carroll county, Illinois, and in the fall went up the Mississippi river on a flat boat to the northern part of Iowa, renting a farm in Winneshiek county. Two years later, in association with his two brothers, Oliver and Erick, he purchased an eighty-acre tract of grub land for one thousand dollars. The three brothers cleared the land and soon developed a good farm which they successfully operated for about four years, during which time they kept "bachelor's hall." In 1875, H. Erickson and his brother Oliver came to Jones county, leaving Erick in Winneshiek county. Mr. Erickson of this review purchased a farm of eighty acres in Madison township, on which he made his home for about nine years, when he took up his

abode on a tract of eighty acres cornering on the former place. Subsequently he bought a third farm of eighty acres, erected thereon a modern and substantial residence and barns and removed to the place in 1907, since which time it has remained his home. He has met with a gratifying and highly creditable degree of prosperity in the conduct of his agricultural interests and has long been numbered among the prosperous, enterprising and representative citizens of the community.

In 1878, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Helen Anderson, who was born in Fulton, Illinois, but was residing in Madison township, this county, at the time of her wedding. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have been born three children, as follows: Elsie, the wife of Harry Manuel, of Madison township, Jones county; Zachariah, who wedded Miss Geneva Rolfshus, of Mabel, Minnesota, and cultivates his father's old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres; and Herman, a graduate of the Wyoming high school, who is now teaching school and preparing for a college course.

In his political views Mr. Erickson is a stanch republican, but he has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Both he and his wife are faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, and though he started out in life empty-handed he has gradually worked his way upward, enjoying the advantages offered in this country, which is unhampered by caste or class.

FRANK ZAMASTIL.

Frank Zamastil, a young man whose personal history is inseparably interwoven with the agricultural development of Jones county, Iowa, by reason of his life residence and substantial work toward the further improvement of this locality, was born in Oxford township, one and one-half miles south of his present farm, on the 3d of January, 1872. His parents were John and Annie (Beranek) Zamastil, both of whom were born in Bohemia. The father was born in December, 1846, and came to the United States when he was twenty years of age, while the mother of our subject was born December 25, 1852, and accompanied her parents on their emigration to this country in 1856. They were married in Jones county and since the death of her husband in May, 1907, Mrs. Zamastil has made her home with her son Frank in Oxford township. She was married twice and Frank, having lost his own father when very young, took his step-father's name. He has two half-sisters; Annie, the wife of Frank Pawelka, of Oxford township; and Julia, who married John Sazama, also residing in Oxford township.

Born and reared in Jones county, it was here that Frank Zamastil received his education in the district schools and, eager to learn the more practical lessons taught in the school of experience, he early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of a boy reared on a farm. Choosing this field of labor as his life work, he studied the best methods of tilling the soil and the rota-



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tion of crops and purchased the most modern machinery that, with the least expenditure of time and labor, would enable him to obtain from his farm a most substantial income each year. That his persistent efforts along this line have been rewarded is indicated by the fact that he is now the owner of a good farm containing two hundred and fifty-five acres and situated on sections 3, 10 and 11. It is well improved in every way, has good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and in its neat and attractive appearance reveals the spirit of the owner to whom all the credit is due for the improvement made and the well kept condition of the place. In addition to general farming he also engages to some extent in stock raising and, being a man still young in years, ambitious and industrious, a bright future is undoubtedly in store for Mr. Zamastil, who is now numbered among Jones county's progressive agriculturists.

J. E. GABLE.

While J. E. Gable maintains his residence at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he is well known at Oxford Junction and in other parts of the county as an enterprising and progressive business man, who is the senior partner of the firm of John E. Gable & Company, dealers in lumber, coal and building materials at Oxford Junction. He is the eldest son of John and Elizabeth (Eby) Gable and was born October 6, 1852, near Germantown, Pennsylvania. He was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Mount Carroll, Carroll county, Illinois, and at the age of fourteen years he became a resident of Lost Nation, Clinton county, Iowa, living on a farm in the vicinity of the town to the age of nineteen years when he put aside the duties and labors of the fields and left the farm to learn the carpenter's trade, believing that he would find industrial or commercial pursuits more congenial and profitable than agricultural life.

Mr. Gable worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years and in 1879 in company with J. C. Fay purchased the lumberyard in Lost Nation of F. E. Moses. This was conducted under partnership arrangements for two years and eight months, after which Mr. Gable purchased Mr. Fay's interest and in the fall of 1883 sold out to the firm of Louisfield & Cressey. At that time he purchased a fourth interest in two lumberyards at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in company with J. C. Fay, William Fay and F. M. Thompson, the new firm being organized under the firm style of Fay Brothers & Company, with yards at No. 400 South First street. In 1906 Mr. Gable also purchased the present business at Oxford Junction where, in connection with his son O. A. Gable, he is owner of a lumber and coal yard, also dealing in all kinds of building materials. This business is now managed by the son and is conducted under the firm name of John E. Gable & Company.

In 1875 when twenty-two years of age John E. Gable was married to Miss Heala E. Leinbaugh, of Elwood, Iowa, and they had four children: Frank R., of Jerome, Iowa, who is engaged in the wholesale coal trade; Ed B., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is head salesman for Fay Brothers & Company; Otis A., of Oxford Junction; and Onalee E., who was born August 24, 1885, and was married June

10, 1908, to L. A. Fuhrmister, while her death occurred May 14, 1909. The parents reside at No. 317 South Eighth street in Cedar Rapids, the father devoting his time and energies to the conduct of his lumber and other interests in that city. He is a man of unfaltering enterprise, managing his interests with ability, his labors being of a character that contribute to general progress and prosperity as well as to individual success.

Otis A. Gable, managing the interests of the firm at Oxford Junction, was born at Lost Nation, Clinton county, Iowa, June 16, 1879, and was a little lad of four summers when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar Rapids. There he resided until he came to Oxford Junction to take charge of the business and his education was acquired in the public schools of the former city and in the Cedar Rapids Business College. His practical business training was received under the direction of his father in connection with the lumber trade so that broad and thorough experience qualified him for active management when he came to Oxford Junction to assume control of the business here, when he and his father became factors in the commercial circles of the town for the sale of lumber, coal and building materials. As manager, the son has built up a good trade and the patronage is steadily increasing.

On the 16th of June, 1904, Mr. Gable was married to Miss Sadie Hammill, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter of J. H. Hammill, of that place. They have two children, Pauline E. and Ruth O. Their home is a hospitable one, ever open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Gable takes active part in the affairs of the community, especially in the promotion of interests for the betterment of the town and is a member of the board of education. He also belongs to the Commercial Club; to Zealous Lodge, No. 435, A. F. & A. M., of Oxford Junction; and to Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F. He is a young man of enterprising spirit to whom opportunity is a stimulus for renewed and active effort, and in the legitimate lines of trade he is meeting with gratifying success.

JAMES E. DAVIES, M. D.

Dr. James E. Davies, one of the able and successful physicians of Jones county, maintaining his home and his office at Oxford Junction, was born at Sangersville, Augusta county, Virginia, May 13, 1873. His parents were Dr. William H. and Margaret (Phillips) Davies, who left the Old Dominion in 1883 and established their home in Maquoketa, Iowa, where Dr. Davies engaged in practice with excellent success for thirteen years. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, near the town of Bridgewater, and represented one of the prominent old families of that state. His father, James Davies, was born in the same house in which Dr. W. H. Davies first saw the light, and his father, also named James Davies, was born on the same farm. He was a son of John Davies, a native of Ireland and of Scotch ancestry, who emigrated to America in colonial times and became a pioneer of Rockingham county, Virginia. He was a weaver by trade and followed that pursuit a part of the time after coming to this country. He took up a tract of timber land, clearing a large portion of it,

and thereon made his home until his death, his residence being most attractively situated in a beautiful region at the confluence of Mossy creek and North river. In 1769, he erected a substantial two-story frame dwelling. The windows in it, however, were so narrow that a person could not possibly effect an entrance in that way, and the reason for this is said to have been as a protection against the Indians. James Davies, Sr., devoted his life to farming and always remained at the old homestead. James Davies, Jr., inherited a part of the estate from his father and passed his entire life within the old colonial mansion where his birth occurred and where he closed his eyes in death in February, 1885. He lived a pure, upright life, enjoying the unqualified respect of his neighbors. He was a man of influence and standing in his community and many sought and profited by his wise counsel. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he served for forty years as an elder of that church in which his father and his grandfather were also members. James Davies, Jr., wedded Mary A. Hogshett, a native of Augusta county, Virginia, and a daughter of William E. and Isabella (Gwin) Hogshett, natives of Augusta and Highland counties, Virginia, respectively, and of Scotch-Irish descent.

Dr. W. H. Davies pursued his education in Mossy Creek Academy and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1859. He early became imbued with a desire to practice medicine and began preparation therefore as a student in the office of Doctors Gordon and Williamson, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, while in the winter of 1859-60, he attended the Winchester Medical College founded by Dr. McGuire. Later he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and was graduated in March, 1864. On the 4th of April following he formed a partnership with Dr. J. G. Minor, of Bridgewater, Virginia, where he remained until the 1st of July. Not wishing to become a soldier, he entered the medical department of the Confederate army at the time a second draft was made and during the last three years of the conflict was assistant surgeon. Following the war he located in Sangersville, Augusta county, Virginia, where he continued in active practice until 1875, when he removed to Churchville, in the same county. He applied himself so diligently to his professional duties that his health became impaired, and, hoping to benefit by a change of climate, he came to Iowa, selecting Maquoketa as a suitable location. There he established his family and opened an office, continuing in active practice there until a short time prior to his death. He became one of the prominent and successful physicians of his section of Iowa, enjoying an extensive private practice and also acting as division surgeon of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. He was honored with the presidency of the Jackson County Medical Society, belonged also to the State Medical Society of Iowa, and to the American Medical Association. In 1887, he bought a half interest in a drug store, of which he remained one of the proprietors throughout the residue of his days.

Mr. Davies was twice married. On the 14th of May, 1863, he wedded Elizabeth V. Henton, a native of Augusta county, Virginia, and a daughter of Silas and Margaret Henton. Her death, however, occurred February 9, 1866, and in October, 1868, Dr. Davies wedded Margaret Phillips, who was born in Sangersville, Virginia, July 18, 1849, a daughter of Henry and Lavinia Phillips. The death of Dr. Davies occurred in 1901 at San Bernardino, California, to which

place he had removed with his family in 1897. His widow still resides there. In their family were five children: Bertha L., the wife of J. F. Dickinson, of San Bernardino, California; Lulu, the wife of Rev. J. P. Van Horn, of Miles, Iowa; James E.; William P., who is living in Rialto, California; and Walter R., who died in that state in 1909.

Dr. James E. Davies was a youth of ten years when he accompanied his parents to Iowa, remaining a resident of Maquoketa until he had completed the public-school course and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1894. He then began the study of medicine in Iowa City, in 1895, spending two years there, after which he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, that institution conferring upon him his M. D. degree in 1898. He then located for practice at Monmouth, Jackson county, Iowa, where he remained until October, 1900, when he came to Oxford Junction and entered upon general practice here. His entire time is devoted to his profession, of which he is an able representative, and his proficiency is continually being increased by his broad reading and study. He is now serving as division surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company. He is a member of the Jones County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession. Dr. Davies also holds membership in Zealous Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., at Oxford Junction, in which he is now serving as master, and in New Era Lodge No. 88, K. T., at Oxford Junction. He holds to high standards in his professional service, performing every duty with a sense of conscientious obligation and as the years go by is making continual progress in his chosen field of labor. In 1902 Dr. Davies was married to Miss Margaret May Everhart, a native of Wheatland, Iowa, and a daughter of A. M. Everhart.

JOHN SCHLADETZKY.

In any community where there is a constant growth in population and a consequent demand for new business houses and dwellings all of the building trades with their associated lines of activity flourished and the handling of the commodities connected with building operations is engaging the attention of some of the progressive men of Jones county. One of the successful dealers in lumber, hardware and farm implements is John Schladetzky, of Hale. He is one of the sturdy citizens Germany has given to the United States as he was born in Husum Schleswig-Holstein, December 20, 1868, a son of Peter and Louise (Jensen) Schladetzky, also natives of Germany. The family originated in Russia as the name indicates but its representatives can be traced back four hundred years in Germany. The father was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife had one other child besides our subject, Anneta, of Hamburg, Germany, who was younger than he.

In 1885, Mr. Schladetzky came to Jones county, Iowa, alone and has made this county his home ever since, gradually learning the language and firmly establishing himself in a good business. He had only five dollars when he arrived

here among strangers, but this did not dismay him for he had youth, enthusiasm and knew how to work and economize. Soon he obtained employment at farm work at forty dollars for the first year and he continued to work for others for six years and then rented land for twelve years. After this he had enough money to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hale township and resided upon it for five years, when he sold his property and in the spring of 1909 he bought his present business and now carries a full line of lumber, hardware, coal, cement and farm implements. His establishment is a large one and he has the finest trade of any business man in Hale, although his concern is yet in its infancy. In 1909 Mr. Schladetzky invested in two hundred and forty acres in South Dakota and has great faith in the future of that locality.

In 1891, Mr. Schladetzky married Mary Ahrendsen, who was also born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, May 20, 1874, and was brought here with her parents in 1886. She is a daughter of Lorenz and Christine Ahrendsen, the latter of whom is deceased, but the former now resides at Onslow. Mr. and Mrs. Schladetzky have six children, as follows: Peter, Louise, Louis, Anna, John and Henry.

Some men are successful in whatever they attempt; that seems part of their nature; and the gentleman of whom we write without doubt belongs to this class. Coming here poor, unknown and without a working knowledge of the language, he has risen until he does the largest business of any man in Hale and also owns valuable farming property elsewhere. There has been no royal road for him, however, but a hard and narrow one, paved with constant labor and strict economy and it has led him straight to the goal of success.

B. H. CHAMBERLAIN, M. D.

Dr. B. H. Chamberlain, who has been a successful practitioner of medicine at Wyoming since 1903, was born in this city on the 1st of February, 1881, his parents being W. I. and Lucy W. (Witter) Chamberlain. A sketch of the father appears on another page of this volume. Dr. Chamberlain of this review obtained his early education in the public schools of Wyoming and subsequently attended successively the Iowa State College and the Iowa State University, being graduated from the medical department of the latter institution in 1903. Returning to Wyoming, he here purchased the outfit and took up the practice of his former preceptor, Dr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, who had died in May, 1903. Wyoming has since remained the scene of his professional labors and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice, which has come in recognition of his skill and ability in the application of remedial agencies and the restoration of health. He belongs to the Jones County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Iowa Union Medical Society.

In July, 1903, Dr. Chamberlain was united in marriage to Miss Iva Tompkins, a native of this county and a daughter of Chauncey and Mary (Jennings) Tompkins. Her paternal grandfather, Rufus Tompkins, made his way from

New York to Jones county, Iowa, at an early day, and her mother came from Ohio. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain has been born a son, Chauncey, whose natal day was June 28, 1908.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Dr. Chamberlain has given his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as county coroner for the past five years and has also acted as a member of the school board. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, is now worshipful master of Keystone Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the chapter and commandery at Anamosa and the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. Although still a young man, he has already attained an enviable position in the ranks of the medical profession and in all life's relations has maintained a high standard of conduct, thus justly meriting the confidence which is so uniformly accorded him in this, his native county.

CHARLES F. SAXON.

Charles F. Saxon took up his abode on his present farm in Madison township in 1900 and here owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land which is the visible evidence of a well spent, active and honorable life. His birth occurred in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 4th of August, 1869, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Phillips) Saxon, who were natives of Lancashire, England, and Cumberland, Maryland, respectively. The father, who was born in the year 1829, was a young man of twenty-one when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1850. He spent some years in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky and about 1860 located in Mercer county, Illinois, where he met the lady who afterward became his wife and who was residing with a sister at that time. Daniel Saxon prospected for coal and also took contracts for the sinking of coal shafts. In 1883 he left Mercer county and made his way to Frontier county, Nebraska, where he took up a homestead claim and carried on general agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise in May, 1891. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her children.

Charles F. Saxon obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, when he came to Jones county, Iowa, and for five years was busily engaged in the cultivation of a tract of rented land. In 1869 he rented a place of one hundred and forty acres and a year later bought and located on the farm of one hundred and ten acres in Madison township on which he has since continued to reside. In the spring of 1909 he extended the boundaries of the place by the purchase of an adjoining tract of fifty acres, so that his farm now embraces a quarter section of land, all well improved and highly cultivated. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also deals in stock to some extent, feeding a carload of cattle annually, and in both branches of his business is meeting with a most gratifying and well merited measure of success.

On the 6th of June, 1901, Mr. Saxon was united in marriage to Miss Lucy L. Brunner, of Marble Rock, Floyd county, Iowa, by whom he has two children,



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Dorothy E. and Carl B. He is a republican in his political views but does not consider himself bound by party ties and at local elections casts his ballot for the candidate whom he believes best qualified. He capably served as census enumerator for four years and at the present time is acting as a township committeeman. Fraternally he is identified with Elliott Lodge, No. 10, Highland Noblemen, and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, being a member of the board of trustees of the church. His wife holds membership in the Baptist church. Since starting out in life on his own account he has worked on persistently, year after year, and his diligence and perseverance constitute the basis of his present prosperity.

OLIVER J. FELTON.

One of the substantial men and well known citizens of Cedar Rapids, where for the past nine years he has pursued his profession as an attorney at law, is Oliver J. Felton. A native of Jones county, this state, he was born on section 10, Madison township, and is a son of M. O. Felton, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume.

Oliver J. Felton was reared at home and after completing the course of study prescribed by the local school near his birthplace, attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, where he received further instruction in the fundamental branches of English education and also the culture that is distinctive of men of his profession. In 1887 he engaged in teaching, being connected with educational work for the greater part of the five subsequent years. In 1889, he took up the study of law under the preceptorship of E. M. Sharow, of Davenport, and in January, 1891, was admitted to the bar, before the supreme court of Iowa. Straightway he established himself in Oxford Junction, where for nine years he practiced with a success that suggested the feasibility of entering larger and more remunerative fields. Accordingly in 1900 he removed to Cedar Rapids and has permanently identified himself with the bar there. A large constituency indicates the confidence he has won from the people among whom he has practiced for almost a decade, while a more tangible evidence of his success is afforded by the extent of the landholdings entered upon the records in his name or in that of his wife, for in addition to the old Felton homestead of two hundred acres which he and a brother, G. L. Felton, cashier of a bank in Middleton, Oklahoma, own, Mr. and Mrs. Felton are possessed of over one thousand acres in Jones and Linn counties. The greater part of the land in the latter county is embraced in the Brookdale farm, lying upon the outskirts of Cedar Rapids and is considered of great value.

On the 8th of December, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Felton and Miss Emma J. Eldred, a daughter of J. S. Eldred, a well known private banker of Oxford Junction. He was also one of the pioneer settlers of his part of Jones county, for in 1853 he entered two hundred and fifty-three acres of government land, which is still in the possession of the family.

Politically Mr. Felton gives unqualified allegiance to no party, but the best man and the measure that has for its object the advancement of the welfare of

his fellow citizens invariably receives his support. The acumen which has distinguished his conduct of cases has also marked his land investments, for he has made a specialty of buying Iowa property and has derived therefrom a pronounced success. Ever a stanch advocate of his clients' interests, clever in summing up the evidence of a case and keen in the detection of subtleties in his adversary while he is ever on the alert to grasp the clue that will obtain for him an honorable victory, his name may well be placed among those who work for the fair name of their profession, at the same time acquiring a gratifying reward for the thought and labor expended in the behalf of others. He has never sought public office, but his influence has been just as effective for the advancement of the community as if he were the actual incumbent of a public trust.

WILLIAM DAVIS GORDON.

It is with pleasure that we present to our readers the life history of William Davis Gordon, the second oldest merchant in Anamosa. For years he has here been connected with the drygoods trade and the record which he has made is most commendable. There has not been a single esoteric phase in his career, for he has governed his actions by the rules of strict and unswerving integrity as well as of unfaltering industry and progressiveness. His birth occurred in South Wales on the 26th of November, 1854.

His father, William I. Gordon, was a native of England, who became a resident of Wales and was there married to Miss Amelia Davis. In early life he crossed the Atlantic to America and resided for a time in Ohio. During the period of the Civil war he enlisted as a volunteer in the Fifth Ohio Infantry and remained at the front until 1863, when he received honorable discharge. During that period he had been captured at Harpers Ferry and was held as a prisoner of war at Belle Isle and at Andersonville, the rigors and hardships of his prison experience being such as to incapacitate him for further field duty. After his release from Andersonville he was sent to the hospital at Washington, where he remained for a few months and was finally discharged in the autumn of 1863. He then returned to England and twenty years afterward again came to America and resided in this country until his death, which occurred in 1899, when about sixty-seven years of age. His wife died in England in 1889 at the age of forty-nine years.

William D. Gordon arrived in the United States on the 2d of May, 1885. He had been educated in the schools of this country and of England, and following his return to America located in Anamosa, where he immediately established himself in business. His first location was in a little building where he carried a small stock of dry goods. The people of the community soon discovered that he was pleasant to deal with, that his business methods were reliable and that he carried a well selected line of goods. His trade therefore steadily increased and he accordingly enlarged his stock from year to year, eventually becoming one of the leading merchants in the county. There is now, with one exception, no merchant of Anamosa who has been for a longer period continuously connected

with its trade interests. His entire life has been connected with commercial pursuits. He served an apprenticeship in his native land between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years and has always found merchandising a congenial field of labor, wherein, as the result of his close application, industry and perseverance, he has won substantial success.

On the 22d of February, 1879, in the city of Manchester, England, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Emily Puleston, a daughter of William and Jane (Thompson) Puleston, who were likewise natives of Manchester. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon is Emily A., who was born in Manchester. Mr. Gordon is a member of Anamosa Lodge, M. W. A., and Anamosa Lodge, No. 263, A. O. U. W. He votes the republican ticket and in his religious belief is an Episcopalian. These associations indicate something of the nature of his interests and the principles which have governed his life, making him a man among men, loyal to high standard, so that he is honored and esteemed by his fellow townsmen and wherever he is known.

JOSEPH HENIK.

The agricultural interests of Jones county find a worthy and successful representative in Joseph Henik, who owns a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and fifteen acres on section 13, Hale township. He was born in Bohemia on the 17th of March, 1854, his parents being Michael and Josephine Henik. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States when their son Joseph was but six months old, settling in Iowa City, Iowa. The demise of the mother occurred near Salem, Iowa, in 1896, when she had attained the age of seventy-three years, while the father was called to his final rest in 1899, when seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of eight sons and three daughters, namely: Antone, whose death occurred in Oxford; Frank, who enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at the time of the Civil war and was killed while in the service; George, a resident of Kansas; Joseph, of this review; John, living in Hale township; James, of Oxford township; William, who makes his home in Hale township; Frank, who resides in Cedar Rapids; Katie, the widow of Frank Nowachek, of Oxford Junction; and two daughters who have passed away.

Joseph Henik remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, and for nine years following that important event in his life he was successfully engaged in the cultivation of his farm of fifty-six acres near Iowa City. After disposing of that property he came to Jones county, purchasing a tract of eighty acres on section 13, Hale township. As the years went by and his financial resources increased, owing to his well directed industry and capable management, he gradually extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land. The many substantial improvements which are seen on the property stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise and he is widely recognized as one of the progressive and representative agriculturists of the com-

munity. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also devotes some attention to stock raising, which branch of his business adds materially to his income.

On the 29th of April, 1879, Mr. Henik was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Sobers, whose birth occurred in Johnson county, Iowa. Her parents, James and Mary Sobers, both of whom were natives of Bohemia, passed away in this country. Mrs. Henik was one of a family of four daughters and one son and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children, as follows: Lily, the wife of Albert Vohoska, of Cedar county; Anna, the wife of Frank Vansickle, of Hale township; and Mary, Frank, Lydia, George and Charles, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Henik is a stanch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Bohemian Catholic church of Oxford Junction. His aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further every movement calculated to benefit the community and he and his estimable wife are held in high regard by their many friends.

ALBERT F. WALTERS.

Albert F. Walters, a retired machinist of Onslow, is one of the well known and esteemed residents of the town. His birth occurred in Herkimer county, New York, on the 20th of August, 1856, his parents being David A. and Adaline (Hemingway) Walters, likewise natives of that county, where they were reared and married. In 1860, the father brought his family to Iowa, trading his New York farm for one hundred and sixty acres of land in Madison and Scotch Grove townships, Jones county. The grandfather had come to this county prior to 1860 and secured that quarter section. David A. Walters purchased an additional tract of forty acres, so that his farm comprised two hundred acres, in the cultivation of which he was actively engaged until December, 1877, when he disposed of the property and took up his abode in Onslow. For two years following his arrival here he successfully conducted a lumberyard. He remained a resident of Onslow until called to his final rest on the 6th of September, 1896, passing away in his seventieth year. He was a stanch republican in politics but did not desire office as a reward for his party fealty. A worthy Christian gentleman, he was one of the founders of the Freewill Baptist church in Clay township. He was made a Mason in 1868 and was one of the charter members of Onslow Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a third of a century and he was widely recognized as one of its respected and representative citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 26th of February, 1904, when seventy-nine years of age.

Albert F. Walters, who obtained his education in the common schools, was a young man of twenty-one years when he came with his parents to Onslow, where he was associated with his father in the lumber business for a short time. In 1880 he made his way to Elgin, Illinois, where for two years he was employed in the Elgin watch works. Subsequently he went to Springfield, Illinois, where

he was employed in a watch factory for a similar period, while afterward he spent two years in a watch factory at Aurora, Illinois. His next removal was to Rockford, Illinois, where he worked in the watch factory for a period of ten years. He was thoroughly familiar with all the mechanical parts necessary in the construction of a watch and during more than twelve of the eighteen years which he spent in the manufacture of watches had charge of one or another of the various departments. In October, 1893, work at the watch factory having been suspended, Mr. Walters went to Belvidere, where he secured employment with the National Sewing Machine Company, remaining with that concern for about a year. He next made his way to Richmond, Indiana, and for two years acted as superintendent of a bicycle factory there. His health failing, he then returned to Jones county, Iowa, and purchased the old Walters homestead, on which he had been reared to manhood and which still remains in his possession. He did not take up his abode on the farm, however, but resided in Onslow until October, 1901, when he again went to Rockford, Illinois, working in the watch factory there until January, 1903. Subsequently he went to Belvidere, Illinois, as superintendent of the automobile factory and in July, 1903, secured a position in the small arms department of the Rock Island arsenal, there remaining for three years. In 1906, he was taken ill and came to Onslow, intending to resume his work as soon as he was able. His position was held for him for almost a year, but the condition of his health has been such as to prevent his return to active labor and he has lived retired.

On the 3d of July, 1880, Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Ella Plank, of Potter Brook, Pennsylvania. The two children born unto them are now deceased, the daughter, Marlan H., passing away at the age of eleven years.

In his political views Mr. Walters is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is identified with Keystone Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., of Wyoming. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

ARTHUR A. VAUGHN.

Arthur A. Vaughn, cashier of the First National Bank of Wyoming, with which institution he has been continuously identified since 1882, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of March, 1855. His parents, George and Jane (Elder) Vaughn, were likewise natives of the county, the former being a representative of an old Pennsylvania family. George Vaughn was a farmer and carpenter by occupation and made his home in Lawrence county until called to his final rest in 1874. They were devoted and consistent members of the old Cumberland church.

A. A. Vaughn, who was the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, obtained his preliminary education in the schools of his native state and when fourteen years of age came to Jones county, Iowa, entering the home of his sister Mary, who was the wife of C. S. Gilbert, a merchant, grain dealer

and cheese manufacturer of Wyoming. He attended the Wyoming high school and also pursued a course in the Davenport Business College, and after completing his education was associated with his brother-in-law for a year. Subsequently he entered the general store of A. M. Loomis a salesman and book-keeper, being thus employed until 1882, when he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank. In 1904 he was made cashier of the institution and has since acted in that capacity. He is thoroughly conversant with the banking business in principle and detail and his capable control of the First National Bank is manifested in its growing success.

Mr. Vaughn has been married twice. In 1877 he wedded Miss Sarah Gilbert, who passed away on the 10th of November, 1886, leaving two children: Vera L. and Minnie S. On the 22d of August, 1889, Mr. Vaughn was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances Sykes, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Ralph and Theresa Sykes. In her girlhood days she accompanied her parents on their removal to Jones county. By his second wife Mr. Vaughn also has two children: Aleta A. and Florence M.

In politics Mr. Vaughn is a stalwart republican and has served his fellow townsmen in several positions of trust and responsibility. He acted as mayor for a year and at the present time is a member of the town council. He has likewise been identified with the school board and has served as its president and secretary. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in religious faith he is a Methodist. He has now resided in this county for four decades and is widely and favorably known within its borders, his upright and honorable career commanding the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

THOMAS C. GORMAN, M. D.

Prominent among the representatives of professional interests in Jones county is Dr. Thomas C. Gorman, successfully practicing as a physician and surgeon in Anamosa. He holds to high ideals in his chosen life work and his careful preparation has made him well qualified for the onerous duties which devolve upon him in professional connections. He was born in Hale, Jones county, on the 4th of August, 1874, and is a son of John and Mary (Rooney) Gorman, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The year 1847 witnessed their arrival in America and in Troy, New York, their marriage was celebrated. Soon afterward they removed to Chicago, Illinois, where they remained for about five years and later came to this state.

Dr. Gorman has spent his entire life in Iowa, pursuing his education in his youthful days in the schools of Dubuque. Later he determined upon the practice of medicine as his life work and to this end was matriculated in the Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1893. He pursued the regular four years course and was graduated in 1897. He spent the succeeding year and a half at St. Elizabeth Hospital, thus putting to the practical test his theoretical training and qualifying for the onerous duties of a private practice in the broad and varied experience for



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hospital work. On leaving that institution he came to Anamosa in 1898, opened his office here and has since successfully practiced, being regarded as one of the leading physicians and surgeons in this part of the state. He is also acting as surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at this point. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and his judgment seldom if ever is at fault in determining the outcome of disease. He performs all professional duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that has won him the confidence and support of the general public and the regard of his professional brethren. In addition to his practice he owns a city dwelling, three farms, two farms of three hundred and forty acres in Fairview township and another tract of four hundred and eighty acres of land in Texas. He is a stockholder and director in the Niles & Waters Bank, a director of the public library and also a director in the Anamosa Fair Association, and in the control and management of these interests he displays the qualities of an enterprising and progressive business man as well as the salient features of a successful medical practitioner.

On the 15th of October, 1902, Dr. Gorman was married to Miss Nellie E. Gavin, a daughter of Malachi and Mary Ellen Gavin, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Dr. and Mrs. Gorman now have two sons, Thomas Gavin and Edward Carroll.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Gorman is connected with Mount Carmel lodge of the Knights of Columbus at Cedar Rapids and with the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 167, at Anamosa. He is also a member of the Catholic church and his political allegiance is given to the democracy. He is a man fearless in the defense of whatever he believes to be right and his position is never an equivocal one. In matters of public concern he manifests discriminating and intelligent citizenship, laboring earnestly and effectively for the welfare of the community, while in social life his genial qualities have won for him warm friendships and kindly regard.

JAMES A. BRACHA.

James A. Bracha, who for twelve years has been proprietor of a general mercantile store at Oxford Junction, while his activity in public affairs supplemented by a zealous desire for the general good, has made him a valued and representative citizen, was born in Bohemia, September 18, 1870. His parents, John and Mary (Cerny) Bracha, were also natives of that country. The latter died in 1884, but the father now resides on a farm near Parkston, South Dakota. Since losing his first wife he has married again.

James A. Bracha is the eldest of the seven children of the first marriage and was a lad of ten summers when, in 1880, he accompanied his parents across the Atlantic and on to Chicago, where they established their home. A year and a half later, however, they removed to Bonhomme county, South Dakota, and since that time or from the age of eleven years, James A. Bracha has been dependent upon his own labor for whatever success he has enjoyed. He worked on a ranch as a herder of sheep for three years and was afterward employed at

general labor on a farm until seventeen years of age, when he became connected with mercantile interests, securing a clerkship in the general store at Armour, South Dakota. Fourteen years ago he went upon the road as traveling salesman for a grocery house, spending two years in that way and in the fall of 1896 he came to Oxford Junction, where he assumed the management of the general store of Johnson Brothers, remaining in charge for about eight months. He was then married and entered his present business in the fall of 1897, since which time he has been proprietor of a general mercantile establishment at this place. He has the largest store in town and he owns as well the building which he occupies and which he erected. In the spring of 1898, his store was swept away in a disastrous fire which occurred in the town and his was the first building erected after the conflagration. He has a one-story brick structure, forty-four by seventy feet with a basement under the entire building. His establishment is conducted on the department store plan under the firm style of Bracha & Company. Mrs. Bracha has been an able assistant to her husband since the business was established.

Mr. Bracha's mercantile interests, however, by no means limit the extent of his activities. He has been very prominent in community affairs and was twice elected mayor on the democratic ticket but resigned in the winter of 1908-9. In the spring of 1909 he became president of the board of education and is doing effective work in the interests of the schools. He cooperates in every movement for the material, intellectual and social progress of the city and has served as a committeeman from his township on the democratic central committee.

In August, 1897, Mr. Bracha was united in marriage to Miss Frances B. Wosoba, a native of Oxford township and a daughter of Michael B. and Anna (Dusanek) Wosoba, who were natives of Bohemia and now reside at Oxford Junction. Mr. and Mrs. Bracha have two children, Adaline and Amelia. Mr. Bracha belongs to New Era Lodge, No. 88, K. P., and Zealous Lodge, No. 245, A. F. & A. M., and of the Commercial Club is vice-president. He is a prominent factor in the business life of the town, contributing to its commercial prosperity through his efforts, while his labors in behalf of general improvement are far-reaching and beneficial.

GEORGE C. GORMAN.

Among the younger representatives of the Jones county bar is George C. Gorman, who is steadily making his way to the head of the profession. He was born at Wyoming, Iowa, December 21, 1882, and is a son of John and Margaret S. (Curran) Gorman, the former a native of the state of New York, while the latter was born in Jones county. They were married on the 16th of April, 1878, and continued to reside in Jones county until the 1st of March, 1900, when they removed to Davenport, Iowa, where Mr. Gorman is engaged in the real estate business. Their family numbers the following named: John C., who is married and living at Ottumwa, South Dakota; James R., now deceased; Nellie E., a trained nurse, who resides in Davenport; George C., of this review;

M. J., a student of the Law College at the Iowa State University at Iowa City; Mary M., a school teacher of Davenport; Daniel A., a student at St. Joseph's College at Dubuque; Lillian G., also a student at Mount St. Joseph's Academy, at Dubuque; Raymond F., a student at St. Ambrose College of Davenport; and Margaret, deceased.

At the usual age George C. Gorman entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school. He pursued his more specifically classical course at St. Joseph's College in Dubuque, while in Iowa City he prepared for the practice of law as a student in the law department of the State University. He was there graduated and was admitted to the bar in June, 1905. For a time he was associated in practice with Judge Ellison of Anamosa, but the latter was elected to the bench in 1907, and Mr. Gorman then joined the firm of Jamison & Smyth, under the present style of Jamison, Smyth & Gorman. This is one of the strong law firms of the city, and Mr. Gorman is adding to its reputation by the earnest work which he is doing in the courts. He is very careful and systematic in the preparation of a case and his arguments are characterized by terse and decisive logic. Fraternally Mr. Gorman is connected with the Knights of Columbus of Cedar Rapids and with the Modern Woodmen of America, at Anamosa. The circle of his friends however, is not limited by the membership of those organizations, for he is widely and favorably known in this county, where his entire life has been passed and where he has so directed his energies and his activities as to win the respect and good will of those who have known him from his boyhood as well as of the acquaintances of later years.

E. H. KNITTLE, M. D.

Dr. E. H. Knittle, who since 1899 has been a successful representative of the medical profession in Onslow, is now enjoying a most extensive and lucrative practice and is also the proprietor of a modern and up-to-date drug store. His birth occurred in Maquoketa, Iowa, on the 10th of April, 1874, his parents being Henry and Maria (Engalls) Knittle, who were natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively. The father, who came to Iowa when about fourteen years of age, worked at the painter's trade for two years and then secured employment as a clerk in the store of a Mr. McGregor of Maquoketa, in which connection he became familiar with the business in principle and detail. At the end of two years he embarked in business on his own account as a merchant at Maquoketa, forming a partnership with Benjamin A. Spencer, which continued throughout the remainder of his active connection with mercantile interests. He was for many years a prominent factor in business circles and was widely recognized as one of Maquoketa's most enterprising, progressive and public-spirited citizens. It was largely owing to his efforts that the Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroads built their lines through that town, and in fact his aid and influence were ever given on the side of progress and improvement. His death, which occurred in March, 1903, when he had at-

tained the age of sixty-two years, was deeply mourned by all who knew him, and it was uniformly conceded that the community had lost one of its most respected and influential residents. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge in Maquoketa and a worthy exemplar of the craft.

Dr. E. H. Knittle was reared in the place of his nativity and, beginning his education at the usual age, was graduated from the Maquoketa high school with the class of 1893. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the office of Dr. A. B. Bowen at Maquoketa, under whose direction he read during the periods of vacation until he had won his degree. In the fall of 1894 he entered the medical department of the Iowa State University and was graduated from that institution in 1897. He then began the practice of his chosen profession in partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. Bowen, which association was maintained for two years. On the expiration of that period, in 1899, Dr. Knittle opened an office in Onslow, Jones county, where he has since built up an extensive and altogether enviable practice. His skill and ability have been constantly manifest in the excellent results which have attended his efforts for the alleviation of human suffering and the restoration of health, and he well merits the confidence which his patients repose in him. He keeps in touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the Iowa State Medical Society and the Jones County Medical Society. In the spring of 1907 he opened a handsome and well equipped drug store at Onslow and, placing a registered pharmacist in charge, has already built up an extensive trade in this connection.

In 1901 Dr. Knittle was united in marriage to Miss Beth Neelan, of Onslow, by whom he has a daughter, Grace Maurine. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also identified. His fraternal relations are with Keystone Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., of Wyoming; Onslow Lodge, No. 296, I. O. O. F.; Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 2120; and the Mystic Workers of the World. While yet a young man, he has already attained a creditable position in professional circles, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has been otherwise associated.

MOREY SICKLE.

Although Morey Sickle has been a resident of Anamosa for a comparatively brief period during the past seven years he has established himself as one of the prominent and enterprising merchants of the city, conducting a well appointed enterprise known as The Leader. Here he carries a large line of dry goods, clothing, men's and ladies' furnishings, etc. and has built up a good trade which is constantly increasing as the years go by.

Mr. Sickle is a native of New York city, born January 24, 1867. His parents, I. H. and Fannie (Raff) Sickle, were both natives of Washington, D. C., and were long residents of New York but in later years removed to Minnesota.

The mother died about 1898, when forty-three years of age and the father, surviving her until 1902, passed away at the age of sixty-five years. In their family were eight children: Nathan, Bertha, Morey, Isadore, Anna, May, Irene and Herbert, who died in infancy.

Morey Sickle spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and the early educational privileges which he enjoyed were those offered by the public schools, and he later attended college. His early business training was received in New York city and he entered upon an independent business career in 1898, when he opened a clothing and drygoods store at Wells, Minnesota. He built up a large trade, there continuing the business for four years but, believing a better field of opportunity was offered in Anamosa, he came to this city in 1902 and has since made it his home. Here he established the store which is now known as The Leader. He carries a very complete general stock, including dry goods, clothing, men's and ladies' furnishings, trunks, ladies' cloaks, suits etc. and the store is very popular for his prices are reasonable. The store is neat and tasteful in its arrangements and the wishes of the patrons are attended by Mr. Sickle and a corps of competent assistants who are always courteous and obligating.

In 1907 Mr. Sickle was united in marriage to Miss Esther Rosenfield, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield, of Rock Island, Illinois. Their home is now blessed with two children, Marion and Josephine. Fraternally Mr. Sickle is connected with the Masons and with the Modern Woodmen of America. His attention, however, is chiefly given to his business affairs which make heavy demands upon his time and attention. He gives to each detail of the business his personal supervision, knowing that the neglect of minor things has often been the rock upon which mercantile ventures have been wrecked. He is diligent, persevering and progressive and his success is well merited.

JOHN HENIK.

John Henik, now residing on his farm of twenty-two acres on section 25, Hale township, where he is successfully engaged in the growing of small fruits, is also the owner of a farm of two hundred acres on the same section, which he has leased for the past three years. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 27th of March, 1857, his parents being Michael and Josephine Henik, natives of Bohemia. In 1854 they set sail for the United States and after landing on the shores of this country made their way at once to Johnson county, Iowa, spending the remainder of their lives on a farm there. The mother was called to her final rest in March, 1896, while the father passed away on the 20th of August, 1899, when he had attained the age of seventy-seven years and three months. Their children were eleven in number, as follows: Antone, whose demise occurred in Oxford; Frank, who enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at the time of the Civil war and was killed while in the service; Katie, the widow of Frank Nowachek, of Oxford Junction; George, a resident of Kansas; Joseph, whose sketch appears on another page of this work; Mary,

who died in infancy; John, of this review; Anna, who passed away at the age of sixteen years; James, of Oxford township; William living in Hale township; and Frank, the second of the name, who makes his home in Cedar Rapids.

John Henik lived at home until he was married in 1884, since which time he has been a resident of Hale township, Jones county. He first bought a tract of eighty acres on section 25, but gradually increased his landed holdings by additional purchase from time to time until the farm now comprises two hundred acres of rich and arable land. There he successfully carried on agricultural and stock raising interests until about 1906, when he leased the place and took up his abode on a tract of twenty-two acres on section 25, where he has since devoted his attention to the growing of small fruits, for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Henik and Miss Anna Chabal, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 25th of September, 1861. Her parents, James and Katie (Merkosh) Chabal, were natives of Bohemia but were married in this country. They came to Iowa in 1855 and here spent the remainder of their lives, passing away in Johnson county. Mr. and Mrs. Henik are the parents of six children, namely: Mary, who resides on her father's farm with her husband; Frank Fritz; Anna, the wife of Louis Mizaur, of Oxford township; Rosa, the wife of John Cloid, of Oxford Junction; Tilly, the wife of Louis Luke, of Oxford township; Gilbert, at home; and Fred.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Henik has supported the men and measures of the democracy and has capably served his fellow townsmen in various minor offices. He is a faithful communicant of the Bohemian Catholic church at Oxford Junction and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at that place and the C. B. A., a Bohemian lodge. The period of his residence in this county now covers a quarter of a century and he enjoys in large measure the esteem and good will of those with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM.

Many of the business men of Anamosa have come here after the prosperity of the town was assured, attracted by the atmosphere of progress that surrounds it or because of the unusual opportunities here afforded. To their energy and ability all praise is due, save that which belongs to the men who started the town upon its upward career. Among the latter must be numbered William Alexander Cunningham, an ice dealer and the president of the gas company, who has not only watched the growth of Anamosa but has been most active in bringing about its commercial advancement, for many of the industries, in whose flourishing condition the citizens take a pride, were either instigated by him or given that encouragement which insured their development along extensive lines.

Mr. Cunningham was born in Indiana February 21, 1850, his parents being Samuel and Hannah (McQueen) Cunningham, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In 1853 they came to Anamosa, where Samuel Cunningham engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store until



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his death, which occurred in 1866, when he was forty-nine years of age. His widow survived him for a long period, for she was not called to her final rest until 1904, when she was in her seventy-fourth year.

William Alexander Cunningham was enrolled as a pupil of the graded school in Anamosa and later attended the Hazel Knowl Academy. His first business venture was in the ice business, on which he embarked in 1868, and although he has still made it his principal concern the conditions connected with it forty years ago were very different from what they are today. Then delivery of ice was made by basket, and only one man is living in Anamosa today who was his customer at that time. For one season after he started in his business the supply of ice gave out, and the price rose to one dollar a hundred, three times the price at which Mr. Cunningham had made his contracts at the opening of the season. Such was his idea of honor, however, that although he might lose money by the transactions, he continued to serve his customers at the stipulated price, and they were permitted to buy as much as they desired. But one competitor, and that for only one season, has invaded the territory which Mr. Cunningham has come to consider his own, not that the town might not support another, but his patrons have been so well satisfied with his conduct of the ice business that they would need many inducements to bring them to the point of giving their custom to another. He supplies both wholesale and retail orders, but makes a specialty of winter shipments, and were one to inquire for a reason for his success he would undoubtedly modestly disclaim any part in it himself, laying it solely to the excellent quality of the Wapsipinicon ice he handles.

Among the other business enterprises with which Mr. Cunningham has been identified may be mentioned the Citizens' Savings Bank and the People's Gas Company. The former was organized March 14, 1907, with William A. Cunningham as president; William Thomas, as vice-president; F. G. Ray, as cashier; and as directors, William A. Cunningham, William Thomas, F. G. Ray, Colonel William T. Shaw, Dr. Hejinian and J. A. Belknap. The People's Gas Company was organized in 1909, with a capital of thirty-five thousand dollars and with important men of the town as its officers. William A. Cunningham is president. F. G. Ray is vice-president. J. E. Remley occupies the position of secretary, while E. K. Ray is the treasurer. The board of directors number W. A. Cunningham, F. G. Ray, William Thomas, C. L. Niles, J. A. Belknap, E. K. Ray and J. E. Remley. The concern is prospering and gives promise of a successful career, profitable alike to its organizers and those who will share in the conveniences which it puts within the reach of all.

On the 8th of February, 1875, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Helen Sales, a daughter of Dr. J. T. and Sarah (Fleck) Sales, the former a native of Canada, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Some time in the early '50s they came to Iowa, settling in Brighton, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Until 1900 Mr. Cunningham voted the democratic ticket but has since that time given his political allegiance to the republican party and has ever taken an active part in local affairs, serving the public well as chief of the fire department, as street commissioner, and for six years as constable. Fraternally he is prominent in the ranks of the Knights of Pythias and has held many offices in the lodge, filling

the positions of grand vice-chancellor and trustee, besides serving on numerous committees. Among the Mystic Workers of the World he has also been active, for he served as director for six years, and was afterward elected supreme master, in which capacity he served for four years. His religious adherence is given to the Episcopal church.

Liberal and progressive in his ideas, broad minded in his outlook upon life, Mr. Cunningham is one of those men who has let few opportunities slip through their hands. On the contrary he is ever on the alert to benefit through experience, and having discerned a need of the community and a ready means to satisfy it, he has the ability to carry it to its conclusion. These qualities united with a great fund of energy have procured him success, but more than that they have placed him among the important men of Anamosa and of the county.

JAMES H. MAPLE.

James H. Maple, a farmer of Wyoming township, is one of those men, who despite a youth which knew more hardships than comforts and that saw few opportunities for study or advancement, has attained to a position among the agriculturists of his locality which is almost enviable. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 4, 1852, and is a son of Louis and Rebecca A. (Paul) Maple. The parents were both natives of the Buckeye state but came to Iowa in 1854 and here they secured a claim of government land. After a residence of about three years, they returned to Ohio, where the father died shortly afterward leaving the mother with three young children. Later she returned to Jones county, where she reared her family and where she is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. James H., the subject of this review, is the oldest of the children; Elizabeth is now the wife of R. E. McCain, of Waterloo, Iowa; and Grace has been a teacher in the schools of Onslow for the past nineteen years. She lives in the village and makes a home for her mother.

As the oldest of the fatherless family, James H. Maple early had to assume a man's responsibilities. Indeed he was but fifteen when he undertook to manage the farm for his mother, tilling the soil faithfully and diligently until he became of age. He had been able to obtain only the most meager education, but through experience, united with a determination to succeed, he has made his way along the highroad of life. Upon attaining his majority he rented the home farm for a few years, and then bought it, adding to it from time to time, as occasion offered until he now owns a tract of two hundred and twenty-four acres. It is well improved and highly cultivated, although Mr. Maple has given his attention especially to the raising and feeding of stock, is now a breeder of pure breed Aberdeen Angus cattle. When he started out in life for himself, the conditions were much more difficult than they would be now for any boy similarly situated, but the courage which inspired his mother to come to a land that was at the time practically in the first state of development was his birthright and supported him in the years of his struggle, which are now little more than memories, though they do afford him a justifiable gratification as

glancing from them he views the position he now occupies in the community of Wyoming township.

On the 17th of July, 1884, Mr. Maple wedded Miss Viola K. Thomas, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, May 16, 1860. Her parents were Benson and Eliza (Hough) Thomas, the former a native of Maine, the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa, however, when this state was first being sought as the place of residence, owing to government inducements. Mr. Thomas pursued farming until his death, which occurred in Wyoming, but his widow is still living with her children, of whom there were seven. Mr. and Mrs. Maple have had four children: Florence B., who has had a fine musical education and is now in Colorado teaching that branch of art; Louis T., who is at home; and Paul H., who is in Idaho in the drug business; and Benson, who died when about a year old.

Mr. and Mrs. Maple give their religious support to the Presbyterian church, of which they are both consistent members, and in whose work they take an active interest. Politically Mr. Maple finds himself more closely in sympathy with the republican party, but he has never aspired to any public office, although the substantial success he has won would naturally suggest him to his fellow citizens as a worthy candidate for their support. He is a member of Keystone Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., and is frequently seen at its meetings.

JOSEPH PAWELKA.

Joseph Pawelka occupies one of the fine homes of Oxford Junction and is known as one of the progressive citizens of his part of the county, as loyal to public interests and the general welfare as he was to the old flag when in the fortunes of war he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. He was born in Bohemia, January 13, 1843, and was a youth of eleven years when he came to Jones county, Iowa, with his parents Wensel and Katharine Pawelka. The father preempted forty acres of land on section 11, Oxford township, in the year of his arrival. The family took up their abode upon that farm, which through the efforts of the father was converted into a rich and productive tract of land. He spent his remaining days thereon, while his widow died at the home of a daughter in Tama county, Iowa. By a former marriage the father had four children, and by the second union there were three children: Joseph; Antone, deceased; and Annie, the wife of John Dolize, of Tama county, Iowa.

Joseph Pawelka spent the first eleven years of his life in the land of his nativity and on the 13th of September, 1854, arrived at Iowa City in company with his parents. Soon afterward he took up his abode on what became the family homestead in Oxford township, Jones county, and remained with his father for a short time, but later began to work for Solomon Pence in Wyoming township, in whose employ he remained for eight years. He was afterward in the services of different men until he enlisted in the Civil war, being enrolled among the boys in blue on the 13th of September, 1861. He was one of the first three years' men from this district. He joined Company I, Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for one year and nine months, when he was hon-

orably discharged, having had his ankle crushed by an ambulance. He was transferred from one hospital to another, owing to the outbreak of typhoid fever. He took part in the battle of Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Sherman's charge at Vicksburg and the campaign of the Yazoo river. Being taken ill he was sent to the hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, and was at length discharged at Benton Barracks, St. Louis. He then returned home but was laid up for a year with his injured ankle. He afterward engaged in threshing for two years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Oxford township. This he improved, residing on it until 1904 when he came to his present home in Oxford Junction. In the years which he devoted to general agricultural pursuits he met with substantial success, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation, his energy and diligence being the chief factors in his prosperity. On coming to Oxford Junction he erected a fine residence, one of the most attractive homes of the town. He has now retired from active business but is a stockholder in the Oxford Junction Savings Bank.

It was in 1863 that Mr. Pawelka was united in marriage to Miss Delia Morivick, who was born in Bohemia, May 4, 1845, and in December, 1854, came with her parents, John and Barbara Morivick to the United States, the family home being established in Jackson county, Iowa, where both her father and mother passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pawelka have been born four children: Joseph, now living in Hale township; Frank, whose home is in Oxford township; Annie, the wife of Henry Shimerada of Oxford township; and Emanuel, at home. They also lost four children: John, who died in infancy; Fannie, at the age of three years; and Eddie, at the age of six years; and Eddie, the second of that name.

Mr. Pawelka holds membership in the Grand Army post at Oxford Junction. When he was enrolled his name was placed on the records as Joseph Pawelker, but he prefers to retain the original Bohemian spelling. He was a most loyal defender of the stars and stripes and at all times has been a faithful citizen, devoted to the best interests of his adopted country. Earnest, persistent labor brought him success, and he is now living retired in the enjoyment of rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

WILLIAM G. PEET.

William G. Peet figured for many years as one of the most successful farmers of Jones county, carrying on business on a most extensive scale. He was born here during the pioneer epoch in the history of the county and lived to witness its wonderful transformation, bearing an active and helpful part in the work of progress and development. He was seldom, if ever, at error in matters of business judgment and his enterprise and keen discrimination enabled him to win success that placed him among the county's most wealthy citizens. He was born near Fairview, in Fairview township, Jones county, May 8, 1846, and was of Welsh extraction. His parents, James and Anna Peet, came to this county at a very early day, being among its first settlers. They were worthy

people and aided in the reclamation of the district for the purposes of civilization. They entered land in Fairview township and the father devoted his energies to the work of transforming the wild prairie into richly cultivated fields that he might provide thereby for the support of his family.

William G. Peet was reared to manhood on the old homestead, amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, sharing with the family in all of the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of those who established homes on the frontier. At the usual age he attended the public schools, but the methods of instruction were very inferior to those in vogue at the present day. His training at farm labor was not meager, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he took his place in the fields and continued in that line of work for many years. He remained upon the old homestead until 1888, when he removed to Anamosa, there spending the rest of his life. While on the farm he engaged largely in the tilling of the soil and also in buying and selling stock. He continued in the latter after his removal to Anamosa and also engaged in the grain trade. As he prospered in his undertakings he made investment in farm lands from time to time until he became one of the most extensive landowners in this part of the state, his possessions at the time of his death aggregating over two thousand acres in Jones county.

In 1872 Mr. Peet was united in marriage to Miss Eliza E. Saum, who was born in Rome township, this county, July 28, 1847, and is a daughter of George and Susanna Saum, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Indiana. They were among the first settlers of Jones county, arriving in 1839, at which time they took up their abode in Rome township, where Mr. Saum entered land from the government. He was one of the honored early settlers here and the history of his life is given at length on another page of this work.

In his political views Mr. Peet was a democrat but had neither time nor inclination for public office, for his business interests claimed all of his energies. He manifested keen sagacity and insight in all of his investments, was thoroughly reliable in his undertakings and was never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in any business transaction. He did all things openly and above board and as the years passed became one of the county's most wealthy and honored citizens. He was a man of tall and commanding presence, courteous and kindly in disposition and merited the high regard which was uniformly given him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peet were born four children of whom one died in infancy. The others are James S., Lorinda M. and Truman G. The last named is married and resides in Anamosa. The daughter is the wife of James Templeman, a farmer of Walnut Grove. The eldest, James S. Peet, was born at Walnut Grove, in Rome township, June 11, 1875, attended the district schools and afterward continued his education in the public schools of Anamosa and in a business college at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On leaving school, he went upon his mother's place and managed the farm for about six years but in 1900 took up his abode in Anamosa, where he has since lived. In 1905 the Peet Lumber Company was organized, the stockholders being James S. Peet and his mother. In this connection they carry on an extensive business as dealers in lumber and coal, the company being now accorded a large patronage. Mr. Peet manifests many

of the sterling business qualities which his father displayed and in the control of his interests gives evidence of a spirit of progress and enterprise which is always an essential factor in the attainment of success. His political support is given to the democracy, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he has neither time nor inclination for public office, as his business affairs claim his attention and make ample demand upon his time.

ALLEN LEONARD FAIRBANKS.

No history of Jones county would be complete without extended mention of Allen Leonard Fairbanks, who although he has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten is still an active and helpful factor in the world's work. He comes from a most illustrious family and one which has long been identified with American interests. All representatives of the name in America trace their ancestry back to Jonathan Fairbanks, the founder of the family in this country, who came to Boston, Massachusetts, from Yorkshire, England, in 1633. Since that time various members of the family have figured prominently before the public eye. Mr. Fairbanks, of this review, is a relative of former Vice-President Fairbanks, of the United States, and also claims relationship with Erastus Fairbanks, the well known manufacturer and politician, who patented the famous Fairbanks scales and was also governor of the state of Vermont for two terms.

Born in Hyde Park, Vermont, on the 25th of February, 1832, Allen Leonard Fairbanks is a son of Adam and Cynthia (Wilber) Fairbanks, natives of Massachusetts and of England respectively. The mother came to America in childhood and was married in Vermont, where she passed away when the son was twelve years of age. The father, a farmer by occupation, was again married and spent the latter part of his life with our subject, his death occurring in 1882 when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-three years. He was the father of seven children, of whom Allen Leonard was the sixth in order of birth. The others were: Victor Monroe, of LeRoy, Minnesota, who has attained the age of ninety-two years; Caroline Lane and Volney W., who are both deceased; Carlow, who was killed during the Civil war, having enlisted as a soldier from Vermont; Linda Chesley, deceased; and Cynthia Janette.

No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of daily life for Allen Leonard Fairbanks during the period of his boyhood and youth, which were spent on his father's farm in Vermont. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the common schools, which he attended until sixteen years of age. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years old, and in the meantime was variously engaged about the home farm, assisting in the work of the fields and picking stone and brush from the rough land. When he attained his majority, however, he entered the business world on his own account, going to Manchester, New Hampshire, where he remained for about two years, being there employed in the cotton mills and also in the machine shops of the locomotive works.



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On the 15th of August, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Harriett N. Glazier, a native of Johnson, Vermont, born on the 31st of December, 1833. During the infancy of their daughter Harriett, the parents removed to Hyde Park, Vermont, where she was a schoolmate of Mr. Fairbanks. She went to Manchester, New Hampshire, a year previous to the arrival of our subject in that city, and there was employed in the cotton mills. She wove the cloth which was awarded the premium at the World's Fair at Paris. She and Mr. Fairbanks were employed in the same mill, No. 3, Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, and after their marriage continued to work therein for a time.

On the 6th of March, 1854, they started for the west, coming direct to Jones county, Iowa, the journey as far as Warren, Illinois, being made by train and the remainder by stage. It took them one week to make the trip to Dubuque, Iowa. Their destination was Cass township, Jones county, and Mr. Fairbanks rented a farm in Castle Grove township for a year, operating the place on shares. In May of the same year he entered an eighty-acre tract, which now forms part of his present farm, and with the passing of the years he has added to his original holdings until eventually this farm consisted of five hundred and twenty acres. He now owns three hundred and sixty acres in Cass township located on sections 2 and 3. He has engaged very extensively in buying and selling property but has never traded nor speculated. At one time he owned thirteen hundred acres and now he and his sons own one thousand acres all in one body, located in Cass and Castle Grove townships. He has now been engaged in farming for fifty-five years and during this time has been identified with various branches of agricultural pursuits. During the early days of his residence in Jones county he made a specialty of cultivating wheat, raising one hundred and twenty-five acres annually, which sold for two dollars per bushel. His product was a specially fine grade of winter wheat which he sold for seed, and was known and used extensively by farmers throughout the surrounding country. Later he was identified with the dairy business and for about fourteen years, in connection with his general farming, was engaged in making cheese, keeping fifty cows for that purpose. At first there were no railroads for the convenience of shippers, and he was compelled once a month to go to Dubuque with his product. The superior quality of his cheese commanded a ready sale upon the market and brought excellent prices, his returns being as high as nine dollars per day during the season. He was also engaged very extensively in the hog business, shipping three carloads at a time which sold for six dollars and forty cents per hundredweight. He received as much as four thousand dollars for one shipment which he raised. At one time he was a large cattle raiser, making a specialty of polled Angus cattle, but later he sold the bulk of that business to his son. However he still owns one hundred and eight head of fine steers, and last year shipped three carloads of cattle, independent of his son. In the conduct of these varied interests he has manifested excellent business ability, wise sagacity and keen discrimination and these factors have proved the salient elements in a success which has given him rank among the most substantial and well-to-do farmers of his section of the county.

Not only was Mr. Fairbanks a well known and leading figure in agricultural circles of Jones county, but he also found time to engage in other lines of activity. For two years he served as the president of the Castle Grove Cooperative Cream-

ery Company and was the first chairman of the Castle Grove Horse Breeders Association, occupying that office for two years, when he withdrew. Mr. Fairbanks was a director of the Jones County Agricultural Society for twenty years and also served as vice-president and president of the society. He is now a director in the Lovell State Bank at Monticello, having served in that capacity since its inception. He has also been an active and prominent figure in public affairs, having lent his aid to many measures and movements which have had for their object the permanent upbuilding and growth of the community. He assisted in building the Methodist church at Hickory Grove and has since held membership in that organization. Until recently he was chairman of the board of trustees of Cass Center cemetery, having been thus connected with that body since its origin. He has ever been a stanch champion of the cause of education, having been interested in schools since the organization of Cass township. He served as a member of the board which had charge of the building of all schoolhouses in the township. They first erected four buildings and later erected others until they now have eight schoolhouses in the township. He has held the office of director, president, secretary and treasurer of the township school board and is now acting as treasurer. In politics he is a republican and has given stalwart support to the principles of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was county supervisor for seven years and was also chairman of the board for a long time, during which period he superintended the construction of a number of river bridges. He assessed Cass township fourteen different times and took the census of 1880. He enrolled the township three times during the Civil war and was commissioned by Governor Kirkwood second lieutenant and was also deputized provost marshal for the second district. He served notices on drafted man and in this capacity performed the hardest duty which ever came to him. He has always been a leading and influential figure in local party ranks and has several times served his party as delegate to various district, county and state conventions. He has ever made an excellent official, discharging the duties of the various offices in a manner that not only brought honor upon himself but also reflected credit upon his constituents. In whatever relation of life he is found the rules which govern his conduct are ever in harmony with the principles of honorable and upright manhood, and the consensus of public opinion accords him a foremost place among the valued and representative citizens of Jones county.

As the years have come and gone the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks has been blessed with eight children, as follows: Alice, who passed away September 14, 1897, when thirteen years of age; Harriett M., the wife of Clarence Thomas, of Mohall, North Dakota; Arthur Lincoln, residing upon a neighboring farm in Castle Grove township; Eunice, who died when eight months old; Charles Allen and Alva Monroe, also residing near the homestead, the former in Cass township and the latter in Castle Grove township; Mary E., deceased wife of G. G. Gill, by whom she had one daughter, the mother passing away in May, 1906; and Bertha, who married August Blassing and died in January, 1901, also leaving one daughter.

Such in brief is the life record of Allen Leonard Fairbanks, who for more than a half century has been identified with the growth and development of Jones county. When he arrived in this district he was the second to take up his abode

upon the open prairie, an act fraught with considerable danger and peril inasmuch as bands of redmen still roamed the country and the earlier settlers who had braved the dangers of the frontier had erected their homes within the shelter of the forests. The country was but sparsely settled, there being but one house between his home and Monticello and only three between him and Anamosa. Deer were plentiful during the early days and Mr. Fairbanks has seen as many as thirteen head on his place at once. An Indian once killed five on his farm in one afternoon, all of which he carried at once into camp. Threshers had not yet been introduced into this county, the nearest machine being located in Delaware county, and this was operated throughout the entire year. Few other improvements had as yet been made, for although the land was rich in natural resources, its opportunities had not yet been utilized. During the years of his residence here, however, Mr. Fairbanks has witnessed a wonderful transformation and in the work of general progress and development has taken his full share. In his seventy-seventh year he is still active and interested in the world's work, and he now enjoys the unqualified honor, respect and good will of everyone with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN THOMSEN.

John Thomsen, who is now capably serving his fellow townsmen as chairman of the board of county supervisors, is widely recognized as a prosperous and progressive agriculturist as well as one of the most extensive and successful cattle feeders in the county. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 8th of May, 1858, his parents being Carston and Maria (Petersen) Thomsen, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Mr. Thomsen of this review spent his youthful days under the parental roof and obtained his education in the public schools of his native land. In 1878, in order to avoid military service, he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York city in August of that year. Owing to the fact that he had a brother-in-law, August Levsen by name, living in Jones county, Iowa, he made his way at once to this part of the country and, securing employment as a farm hand, was thus busily engaged for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Carroll county, Iowa, where he rented a farm and was successfully engaged in its operation for two years. He then returned to this county and for a period of twelve years was here identified with agricultural pursuits as a renter. At the end of that time, owing to his frugality and unremitting industry, he had accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a home of his own, and in 1896, he came into possession of the old Pratt farm of three hundred and sixteen acres of Madison township—one of the finest farms in the entire county. In addition to his agricultural interests he also handles stock on an extensive scale and is widely recognized as one of the largest and most successful cattle feeders in Jones county, having acquired a snug little fortune from this source in the past few years.

In 1884 Mr. Thomsen was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Jensen, a native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1883. By this union there were five children, namely: Dora, who attended Coe College; Meinhardt, a graduate of

the Wyoming high school; Clara, a graduate of Coe College; Jennie, who has also completed the course in the Wyoming high school; and August, who is now pursuing his studies in that institution. All of the children are still at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 7th of January, 1909, and her death came as a severe blow not only to her immediate family but also to a large circle of friends.

Mr. Thomsen is a stalwart democrat in his political views and has served as a member of the school board for many years. He fully realizes the value of good mental training as a preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life and his children have enjoyed the best advantages obtainable in this direction. In 1906 he was appointed to the office of county supervisor to fill a vacancy and on the expiration of the term, in 1907, was regularly elected for another term. He is therefore the present incumbent in the position, the duties of which he discharges in a highly satisfactory and most capable manner. His record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others who are obliged to depend upon their own resources for success, for when he arrived in this country he was not only without money but also in debt for his passage. Work—earnest, persistent work—has been the source of his prosperity, enabling him to pass on the highway of life many who started out more advantageously equipped. His three daughters are members of the Presbyterian church, and the different members of the family are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

JOHN H. ROHWEDDER.

John H. Rohwedder, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Madison township, Jones county, was the first German to settle near Wyoming, Iowa. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 2d of October, 1845, and came with his parents to America in 1852. After residing in Illinois for three years, his parents took up their abode in Clinton county, Iowa, and resided there until their death.

John H. Rohwedder was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to the promising shores of America. He remained under the sheltering roof of his parents, until the year 1871, when he was married to Miss Frederica Guebel, a native of Germany. Upon their marriage, they started out in life on their own account, first renting a tract of land in Missouri, which they farmed for two years. On returning to Iowa, in 1874, Mr. Rohwedder purchased the old Harvey Niles farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, Jones county, Iowa, on which he located in the spring of 1875 and which remained his place of residence until 1899, when he purchased the old Nathan Shaffer farm of three hundred and twenty acres, also in Madison township, which has continued to be his home and upon which he now resides with his wife and children. His family consists of his faithful wife and companion in life, and seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Harro C., at home; Hans H., residing at Hale, who married Frederica Sieveke, March 4, 1908; Ernest F.,

residing in Madison township, who married Elsie Levsen, December 20, 1906; Toni (Rohwedder) Holst, residing in Scotch Grove township, who married Nicholas Holst, April 29, 1908; Albert G. Minna H., and Otto G., residing at home.

For the past thirty-four years, Mr. Rohwedder has devoted his attention largely to the feeding of cattle and the raising of hogs. He is widely recognized as one of the most extensive stock feeders of the county, feeding from eight to ten car-loads of cattle annually. He likewise raises from one hundred and fifty to two hundred head of hogs each year. He is a progressive and a successful farmer.

Mr. Rohwedder is a democrat in politics but is not a bitter partisan. He will often support a candidate of the opposition party if he believes such a course will best conserve the general welfare. Fraternally he is identified with the Wyoming Camp, No. 183, M. W. A. Both he and his wife have now resided in this county for more than a third of a century and have a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the county. Mr. Rohwedder is a substantial man in every respect. He is not only successful as a farmer, he is a practical and a worthy citizen, a man large of heart, kind by nature, liberal in thought and worthy of trust and confidence.

W. W. EYE.

W. W. Eye, a well known farmer of Wyoming township, was born in this county, June 28, 1856, and is a son of George J. and Margaret Eye. The parents were both natives of Virginia, but about the time the government first opened this state to homesteaders, offering large inducements to those who would come here, they started upon their journey across the mountains and prairies, traversing a large part of the distance by wagon. When he arrived in Jones county Mr. Eye had about five cents in his pockets, but it was at a time when physical strength and courage counted for more than money if a man were to convert the virgin fields and wilderness into a productive farm land. For many years the family lived in a cabin which he had built of logs with a clapboard roof, and when conditions improved he was able to move to a better dwelling. In the course of years, amid the comforts of his later life the hardships and privations of the first years became a memory merely, so that at his death, in 1893, he felt a pardonable pride in the success which had come to him in requital for his years of toil. His wife died in 1894, within six months of his death, and was survived by her five children: J. W., who lives in this county; Mary M., who is the wife of C. A. Sinett, of Jones county; L. M., who is the wife of P. Snyder, of this county; Susanna, deceased; and W. W., the subject of this sketch.

Being the oldest of this family W. W. Eye bore his share of the early hardships of the family, assisting in the farm work even during his school days. He received a fair education from the popular institutions of instruction and remained with his parents until he became twenty-five, when he married and started in life for himself. At first he rented his father's place and later bought the farm on which he now lives. It consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres on

which he carries on general farming, with a success that has made him one of the substantial agriculturists of Wyoming township. His fields are well improved and cultivated to a high degree, in their appearance evincing the skill and thrift of their owner.

On the 5th of March, 1881, Mr. Eye wedded Miss Ellen Taylor, who was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, a daughter of James and Lucina Taylor, both natives of Kentucky. Of this union twelve children were born: R. W., who is living in South Dakota; Albert W., who is now in Idaho; Lucina M., who is the wife of P. W. Bodenhofer, of Moline, Illinois; L. Maude, Ora E. and William A., who are at home; Verna T. and Vera M., who are twins; and four who have passed away. Mrs. Eye died March 15, 1903, and was buried in North Mineral Cemetery, Wyoming.

Mr. Eye is a democrat in his political views, but he has never sought nor held any office within the gift of the people. He gives his religious adherence to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was a devout member and in whose work he takes a deep interest.

CHARLES HENRY STOUT.

Charles Henry Stout, one of the younger generation of farmers of Wayne township, was born in Cass township, Jones county, April 8, 1873, and is a son of William and Mary (Jacques) Stout. The parents were both natives of County Cork, Ireland, where William Stout was born July 13, 1825. At the time of the famine in the land of his birth he came to the United States, settling near the city of Boston, Massachusetts, where he was married and where three of his children were born. In 1870 the family came to Jones county, Iowa, locating upon forty acres he had purchased in Cass township. There he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits with considerable success, for at one time he owned two hundred acres in Cass and Wayne townships, and at the time of his death still owned one hundred and sixty. While in the east he had worked as a laborer so that on coming to the west he made the best use of the opportunities afforded by the farm to attain to a position of independence. He had been reared in the faith of the Episcopal church and was a republican in his political views. On the 3d of July, 1898, in Wayne township, his life was brought to a close and he was buried beside his wife, who had died in September, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine. They were the parents of eleven children: Elizabeth, the widow of W. W. Gray; Richard, a resident of Cass township; John, who died at the age of eighteen; Charlotte, who died when fifteen years of age; Thomas, who died at the age of eighteen; Charles Henry, of this review; Dora E., who married Nelson Bradley and lives in Lamoine, Iowa; and four who died young.

Since he was fifteen years of age, Charles Henry Stout has lived upon the farm which is now his home and to which his parents moved in 1888. He has devoted his whole life to the cultivation of the soil, for even the period when the city boy spends his days in the preparation of lessons was not without its practical training for the vocation of his later years. He now owns one hundred and fifty



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acres, on sections 19 and 30, Wayne township, on which he follows general farming with profit to himself. He is both thrifty and hard working, and unites with these characteristics a will and capacity to make the best use of the scientific advancement in the methods of cultivating the soil. He makes an especial study of the crops best suited to his fields, finding his care well rewarded in bountiful harvests.

On the 23d of March, 1898, Mr. Stout wedded Miss Nellie E. Dunning, who was born in Cass township, June 16, 1875. Her parents, Harrison and Elizabeth (McDaniels) Dunning, were natives of New York state, the father having been born in Wyoming county, May 31, 1835, and his wife on Staten Island December 23, 1842. She came to Iowa with her parents, but he came here alone. In Anamosa they were married and then settled in Wayne township, where they passed the remainder of their days. Mr. Dunning was engaged in farming during his active life and saw several years of service as a soldier of the Civil war, for on the 1st of August, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry for three years. At the expiration of his term he reenlisted and remained at the scene of war until the close of hostilities. His life was ended November 17, 1902, and his wife had preceded him to the grave some years, her death having occurred May 5, 1898. They were the parents of three daughters: Vina, who is the wife of Frank Lamb, of Anamosa; Mary, who is the wife of Wylie Smith, of Jackson township; and Nellie, who is Mrs. Stout. Mr. and Mrs. Stout have two children: Mary E. and Clifford William.

HERMAN E. TECH.

While Herman E. Tech is of German birth the greater part of his life has been passed in Oxford Junction, and he has come to occupy a leading position in the business circles of the town as proprietor of a furniture store and undertaking establishment. He was born in Germany, October 7, 1873, his parents being Michael and Wilhelmina (Rux) Tech, who in the year 1882 left their native country and with their family came direct to Oxford Junction, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days, the death of the mother occurring March 26, 1893, while the father passed away November 26, 1902. In their family were five children: Augusta, now the wife of M. Herbstreuth, of Oxford Junction; August, who is living at Strawberry Point, Iowa; John E., who follows farming near Algona, Iowa; Carrie, the wife of William Abernethy, of Portland, Oregon; and Herman E.

The last named was but nine years of age when the family sailed for the new world, and in the town where he yet lives he was reared and educated, the public schools affording him his opportunity for intellectual development. Following his mother's death he went to Arizona, where he was employed in mining copper, and after several years spent in the southwest he returned to Oxford Junction in 1902 and purchased a half interest in his present business. The store contains a large line of furniture of various grades, and in addition a well stocked undertaking establishment is conducted. Mr. Tech was in partnership with

F. E. Zeigler until about 1906, when he became sole owner. He also is half owner of the building in which he conducts business, it being one hundred and ten by twenty-two feet, and its entire space being occupied by Mr. Tech for his stock of furniture. He has a well appointed establishment and the neat and tasteful arrangement of his store, together with his well known business probity, is a prominent feature in his success.

On the 24th of September, 1902, Mr. Tech was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Nowachek, who was born in Oxford Junction, March 7, 1873, and has always resided here. She is a daughter of Frank and Katie (Henak) Nowachek, the former a native of Bohemia, while the latter was of Bohemian parentage. The father is deceased, while the mother makes her home with her children, who are six in number. Mr. and Mrs. Tech have one child, Lois. Theirs is a hospitable home, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. They are members of the Catholic church.

In politics he is an independent republican, advocating the principles of the party at national elections but voting without regard to party ties on other occasions, regarding only the capability of the candidate in his election to the public service. Mr. Tech is now acting as a member of the village council, in which position he discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, seeking at all times the general welfare of the community. He is a self-made man, for whatever he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors. He started out empty-handed and in the legitimate lines of trade and commerce has worked his way upward.

HENRY G. MANUEL.

One of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Madison township is Henry G. Manuel, a native of Iowa. He was born in Mahaska county, March 2, 1879, and is a son of James L. and Delia (Boutilier) Manuel, the latter a native of Nova Scotia. James L. Manuel, on the other hand, was born in England, but came to this country when a lad of nineteen years. He located first in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in the anthracite mines. After two years there spent, he came west to Iowa and for about three years remained in Mahaska county, where he farmed as a renter. He went from there to Hancock county, where, having secured a section of land, he lived and worked until within the past few years, when he retired from active life and removed to the town of Britt. There with his wife he enjoys the comforts of life which he so richly deserves after his years of toil. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in its work. Politically Mr. Manuel is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and has closely identified himself with the public life of his township, having filled a majority of the offices that are within the gift of the people. His voice is ever raised in behalf of progress and good government and he occupies a position of influence in his section of the county.

Henry G. Manuel received his early training for life at home under the wise guidance of his parents. He attended the public schools, whose instruction he

supplemented by a business course at Charles City College. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1898 and in 1900 commenced farming on his own account. For a period of four years he operated a rented farm in Hancock county, and then in March, 1905, came to Jones county, where he had previously purchased eighty acres of his present farm in Madison township. Here he located and has lived since, though as the years brought him rich returns for his toil he has been able to increase the extent of his fields until now he owns two hundred acres. It is good land and by care and study he has made it one of the most fertile tracts in Madison township, for he is a progressive man and employs scientific methods in the cultivation of his crops.

In 1901 Mr. Manuel was united in marriage to Miss Elsie E. Erickson, of Madison township, a daughter of H. Erickson, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this volume. Of this union there have been born two children: Albert T. and Harvey H. Mrs. Manuel is a member of the Presbyterian church, but her husband does not belong to any denomination, though he is a Christian in the larger acceptation of the term. The perseverance which has distinguished his labors has brought him more than the success which is evident to any one who has seen his farm and the well kept buildings; it has brought him the good-will of his fellow citizens who supported him so effectively when his name was put upon the republican ticket as a candidate for the office of township trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 147, I. O. O. F. and of the Mystic Workers of America.

GEORGE SAUM.

In the death of George Saum there passed away one of Jones county's prominent and honored pioneer residents. His history is worthy of appreciation for his life was characterized by many sterling qualities, and the work which he did in the development and improvement of this section of the state was of a most important character. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, April 22, 1814, and was a son of Jacob Saum.

As the name indicates the family is of German lineage and was founded in America by the grandfather of George Saum, who held official position in the commissary department of the continental army under Washington. In 1828 Jacob Saum removed with his family from Ohio to Warren county, Indiana, so that the experiences of pioneer life in the latter state were familiar to George Saum during the period of his youth. He continued in Indiana during the ages of fourteen and twenty-five years and in 1838 made his first trip to Iowa, stopping on the Indian reserve in Lee county. He made temporary location there with his family but in June, 1839, removed to Jones county, settling at Walnut Grove, Rome township. His family then numbered a wife and three children—J. D., afterward of Olin; Nicholas, who became a resident of Mechanicsville, Iowa, and died February 1, 1907; and Polly A., who became Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Anamosa.

Mr. Saum's first purchase of land was one hundred and sixty acres which is still in the possession of the family. Through some mistake Orville Cronkhite entered eighty acres of the same quarter which Mr. Saum was improving, and the latter gave him his note for one hundred dollars with twenty per cent interest. He succeeded in wiping out the indebtedness in two years, although that was at a time when money was very scarce in the neighborhood. On reaching the farm the family camped under a bur oak tree, but Mr. Saum at once began the construction of a good log house, and although it contained only one room it was sixteen by eighteen feet. In its building he had the assistance of the few men who were then living in the district. His possessions, aside from his land, consisted of a yoke of oxen, an old wagon and a pony which would not have sold for a sum sufficient to enable him to discharge his indebtedness, which amounted to eighty dollars. Walnut Grove at that time contained about six hundred acres of good timber land. The well known Tom Green afterward a resident of Wyoming, a man of the Daniel Boone type in some of his sterling traits of character, also located at Walnut Grove and the two married sisters. They were also associated in the purchase of three hundred and twenty acres of land held as a claim by William Hamilton, and each thus secured eighty acres of prairie and eighty acres of timber land. Mr. Green attended the government land sales in Dubuque in July, 1840, completed the entry of the three hundred and twenty acres and paid for it.

After arriving in the county Mr. Saum bent his energies to general agricultural pursuits and continued to reside upon his farm until 1878. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and became the owner of about sixteen hundred acres in Jones county and four hundred acres in Cedar county. About 1874 he divided up something like sixteen hundred acres between his eight children, and at that time he closed out his other business interests. For three or four years, however, he continued to reside in Anamosa and in Davenport, after which he went to California, where he devoted twenty years to horticultural pursuits. In the meantime he had been one of the early horticulturists of Jones county, for in the spring of 1842 he bought from an old Quaker from Richmond, Indiana, about one hundred apple trees and a few pear and cherry trees, which he planted on his farm in Rome township. The apple trees were soon in good bearing and for years thereafter he made display of his fruit at the county fairs, thus giving tangible evidence to the unbelieving of what could be done in the line of fruit production on the Iowa prairies. He was likewise the pioneer in the introduction of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, for in 1846 he brought to the county three cows and an imported bull, Locomotive, which had been purchased in England by a Kentucky company. Cattle then sold at a very low figure, but Mr. Saum purchased his shorthorns at a cost of a little over one hundred dollars each. He had to borrow a part of the money, but he determined to have the best stock, and the wisdom of his course was demonstrated. His farm work was at all times actuated by the spirit of progress and improvement, and he was among the first to introduce the improved farm machinery which invention gave to the agriculturist. In 1844 he purchased the first McCormick reaper brought into the county and with it cut his own wheat and oats and also assisted his neighbors. This reaper was sold a year later for another and afterward that was replaced by a third, having a Moore attachment. In those days the plows used had wooden mold-boards, and

Mr. Saum was among the first to learn of the manufacture of steel plows—made by John Deere of Grand De Tour, Illinois. He then handled plows for Mr. Deere for six or seven years, selling to the farmers of the community, and although he trusted them for payment he never lost a cent.

As previously stated, Mr. Saum had three children when he came to Iowa. Seven children were born unto him and his wife at Walnut Grove, of whom one died in infancy. The death of the mother occurred on the home farm May 22, 1873, and in 1874 Mr. Saum married Miss Cordelia Huggins, of Anamosa, a sister of Burrill Huggins, now of Indianola. In 1879 they removed to Healdsburg, California, Mr. Saum there giving his attention to fruit culture for twenty years. Throughout this period, however, he considered Anamosa his real home and in 1899 returned to this city. His last years were there passed, and he delighted in recounting incidents of pioneer life and recalling the conditions which then existed in contrast with the improvements and progress that was made. His memory formed a connecting link between the primitive past and the prosperous present. In early times he did everything possible to stimulate growth and development here along lines that would work for the betterment of the community. Denied but the most meager educational advantages in his own youth, he always advocated education and in 1842 opened the first school in Walnut Grove, giving the first log cabin which he had erected to be used for school purposes. Two years later he and his hired man cut down trees, hauled the logs together, gathered in the neighbors and put up a new schoolhouse which they seated with puncheon benches. Occasionally a church service was held in this schoolhouse, the scattered families of the region coming to hear the gospel proclaimed by some circuit rider. The Sunday school was always carried on quite regularly there.

In their earlier years Mr. and Mrs. Saum were devoted members of the United Brethren church, and at all times his life was upright and honorable. It was a matter of deep rejoicing to him that Iowa won for herself such prominent place in the Union through the utilization of her natural resources and the development of her varied interests. He lived here at a time when Dubuque, Davenport and Muscatine were the only markets for wheat, corn, oats, pork, cattle and even for butter and eggs. He was always an optimist, a man of large views of present possibilities and still larger views of the possibilities and achievements of the future. "On more than one occasion has he given free rein to thought and imagination," said one who knew him well, "we have been greatly impressed with his remarkably clear grasp of national character in all the higher elements of greatness and power and in America's supreme eminence and present and ultimate influence among the nations of the earth. Faith in the future was an inborn characteristic of his nature and this was what brought him to Iowa six years before the state was admitted to the Union, it being only a wilderness inherited by Indians, while deer, elk and rattlesnakes were among its natural products. This unquenchable spirit in those years of privation, trackless prairies and bridgeless streams, made Mr. Saum not only a pioneer but a heroic helper and leader in securing for himself and for his fellow workers every available instrumentality in education and in material equipment necessary for the founding and building of a state. His greatest pride was in Iowa and in her steady growth he wrought well his part and to him and

those who labored with him is Iowa largely indebted for her peerless record among the commonwealths of the Union."

Mr. Saum spent his last years in the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Peet, save the last week when he was at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Johnson, where he passed away at the age of ninety-four years. His life was one of success, judged not only by what he accomplishes for himself but by the high standard of success in what he did for others. As a leader in lines of progress he did much both directly and indirectly for the county, and at all times he was ready to assist another by word of advice or encouragement or through a substantial aid. He was one of the best known and most honored of the pioneers of Jones county.

J. A. McLAUGHLIN.

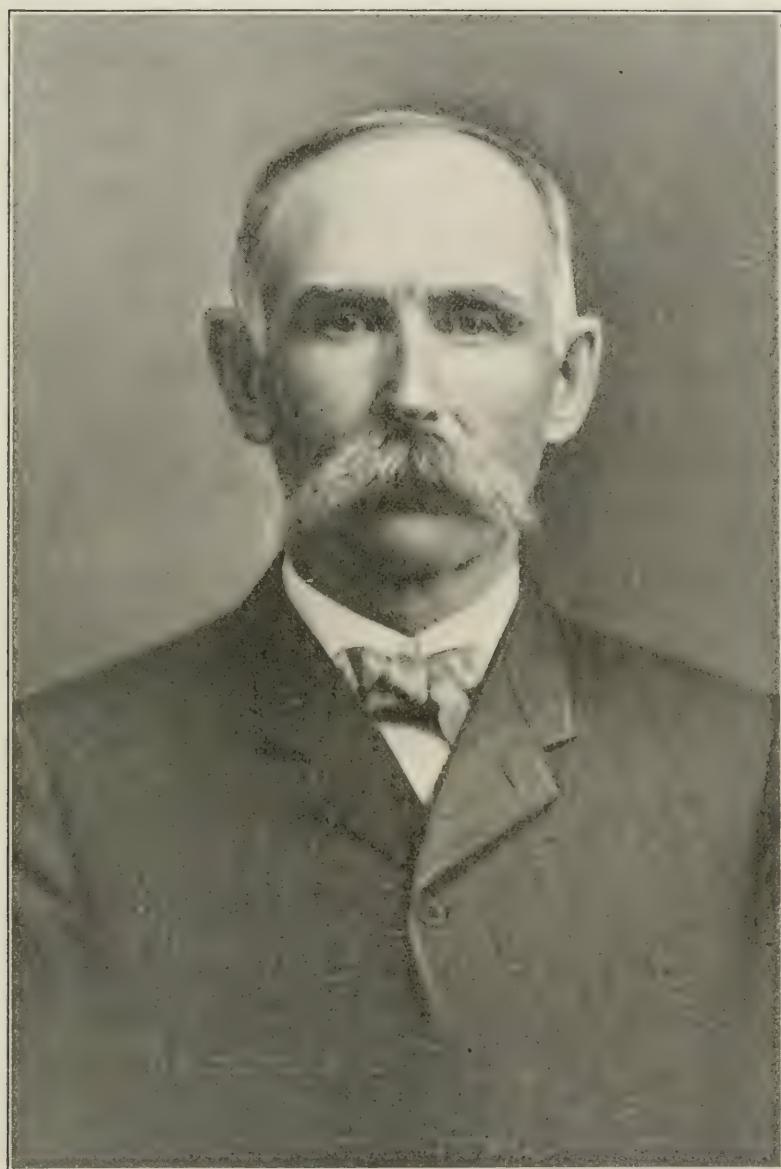
That the invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy and unfaltering industry a successful career is indicated in the life record of J. A. McLaughlin, one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Castle Grove township, Jones county. His birth occurred in Wayne township on the 30th of June, 1843. He is a son of James and Mary (Hill) McLaughlin, both natives of Ireland, who came to America early in life. In the year 1837, James McLaughlin with his family settled on section 2 of Wayne township, Jones county, Iowa, where they resided until 1846, when they removed to Castle Grove township, which continued to be their home until their death several years ago.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in Jones county and has made this county his home continuously during the entire period of his life. As a lad he did chores about the farm and attended the common schools of his home district, where he acquired a good knowledge of the branches of English learning. He later had the privilege of attending Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, for two years, and also took a course of study in Notre Dame, Indiana, for one year. As in his other duties, he applied himself diligently to his studies and made good use of his privileges.

Upon reaching man's estate, he started out in business on his own account, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared. For several years he operated the old homestead in the capacity of renter and later bought the place, which has continued to be his home to the present time.

Mr. McLaughlin, by his untiring energy and the application of good business methods, became the owner of other lands besides the family homestead and now owns about a section and a half of choice farm land in Castle Grove township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devotes a large part of his time and attention. He has equipped the farm with many of the modern accessories and conveniences, and it is conceded to be one of the finest improved properties in the township.

In connection with his agricultural pursuits, he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, and in this branch of his business, as well as in the raising of crops, he is meeting with most gratifying success. Energy, industry and



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perseverance have been salient elements in the prosperity which he now enjoys, and through close application and good management he has attained a worthy rank among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of the locality.

It was in 1878 that Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Alice Downer, who was born in Jones county, a daughter of Horace Downer and Ruth Downer, pioneers of Castle Grove township, who were natives of Vermont. The parents came to this county in 1840 and entered land, continuing to make their residence within its borders until their death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have been born seven children, all of whom are yet living. The children are as follows: Frank, who resides in Chicago, Illinois; William D., at home; John, also making his home in Chicago; Richard, of South Dakota; Clarence, also of Dakota; Minnie and Eugene, both under the parental roof. Being appreciative himself of the advantages to be obtained through a good education, Mr. McLaughlin has given all his children excellent educational training and advantages, each having benefited by a course of study at college.

Ever since the time when age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. McLaughlin has been a stalwart supporter of republican principles, although he has never been an aspirant for political office, being content to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his own business affairs. He has spent his entire life within the borders of Jones county, and throughout his active business career he has ever been identified with its substantial development and improvement and has likewise ever been a hearty supporter of those movements which had for their object the maintenance and promotion of civic virtue and civic pride. His home has always been one of cheerful hospitality, and the welcome hand is ever extended to the friend and the stranger who may pass that way. He is widely known throughout the community, and the fact that among his warm friends are numbered many who have known him from his boyhood is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as command the respect, confidence and good will of his fellow-men.

CHANCEY TOMPKINS.

Chancey Tompkins is one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Wyoming township, whose home is on section 20. He was born in New York state, October 16, 1854, and is a son of Rufus and Harriett (Woodard) Tompkins. They were natives of the same state as their son and came with their family to Iowa in 1867, locating in Wyoming township, Jones county, where they passed the remainder of their days. Nine children were born to them. Carrie, who is the wife of Fordam Woods, of Wyoming township; Mary, deceased; Rhoda, who is the wife of George Holub, of the same township; Emma, who is the wife of John Demming, now living in Montana; Chancey, the subject of this sketch; Edward, who lives in South Dakota; Gus, a resident of Goodland, Kansas; John, of Wyoming township; and one who died in infancy.

Chancey Tompkins was about thirteen years of age when his parents came to this county and received his education in the common schools, whence he derived

all the instruction he could during the few months in which they held session. In the meanwhile he worked upon the farm with his father, participating in all of the labor that was carried on there, and not until he was twenty-six years old attempting to start in life for himself. At that age he married and established his home on a rented farm. After five years' experience as a tenant he bought the place on which he is now living but which was only partly improved at the time. It embraces one hundred and forty-seven acres on section 20, and through careful cultivation well supports the general line of agriculture to which Mr. Tompkins has devoted his energies. He has also engaged largely in the stock business, raising, feeding and shipping large numbers of cattle and hogs. From experience he has learned the value of incessant toil in obtaining appreciable returns in his calling and his capacity for industry united with the good judgment he displays in the management of his affairs has won him a measure of success that is gratifying indeed.

At the age of twenty-six, Mr. Tompkins wedded Miss Mary Jennings, a native of Ohio, and their union has been blessed with two children. Iva, the older, graduated from the Wyoming high school and is now the wife of Dr. Chamberlain, of Wyoming. Lyle, lives at home.

Mrs. Tompkins is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but Mr. Tompkins does not profess allegiance to any creed. Politically he is in sympathy with the platform of the democratic party, for whose candidate he almost invariably casts his vote at the polls. For himself, however, he has never sought office, although he has served efficiently as a school director for a number of years.

SAMUEL W. WALTON.

Since the spring of 1885 Samuel W. Walton has resided in Anamosa, in which year he established the marble works now conducted under the firm name of Walton & Son. In the intervening years he has met with a fair measure of success and has made a record which places him with the enterprising and reliable business men of the city. His birth occurred at Wisbech, England, October 30, 1849, his parents being William and Harriet (Thornton) Walton, who were likewise natives of England and are now deceased. The father was also a marble cutter by trade and throughout his life carried on his business in connection with the manufacture of monuments.

Samuel W. Walton, the youngest in a family of eight children, attended the public schools of his native country and afterward served his apprenticeship as a marble cutter under the direction of his father. He was only fifteen years of age, however, when his father died and the responsibility of conducting the business devolved upon his young shoulders. He resolutely undertook the task and did good work for one of his years. There he remained until 1881, when he came to the United States, bringing his wife with him, for he had been married in the meantime. Making his way into the interior of the country he settled first at Waukegan, Illinois, where he remained for four years, being foreman in monument works of that place. He removed thence to Anamosa and has been a resident

of the town since the spring of 1885. He was first employed in the stone quarries here, but found the work was too strenuous, and in the same year he began business on his own account, establishing the marble works of which he has since been proprietor, and which are now conducted under the firm style of Walton & Son Monumental Works. Their excellent workmanship, fair prices and earnest efforts to please their patrons have secured for them a growing trade and many fine specimens of expert skill are seen in the cemeteries of this district.

On the 17th of October, 1872, Mr. Walton was married in England to Miss Hannah J. Marshall, who was born on the 2d of April, 1848. They have become parents of four children: George W., who is now in the wall paper business in North Dakota; Alfred E., who since 1897 has been a member of the firm of Walton & Son; Herbert M., who died in infancy; and Harriet M. The parents are members of the Baptist church and are loyal to its teachings. In the social circles of the community they occupy an enviable position, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them. Mr. Walton is a member of the Odd Fellows Society, the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the American Patriots. His son is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. Both father and son are stalwart supporters of the republican party and the latter is now township clerk of Fairview township. They are recognized as business men of good ability, actuated in their undertakings by the spirit of enterprise, and Mr. Walton feels that he has no occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for he has here found and improved good opportunities and has made for himself a comfortable living.

CHARLES ANDREW SCHWAB.

Charles Andrew Schwab, conducting a profitable business as a general farmer and stock raiser, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting the northeast quarter of section 9, Oxford township, was born in Amboy, Lee county, Illinois, October 10, 1855. He was only six months old when his parents, Martin and Mary (St. John) Schwab, removed to Oxford township, Jones county. The father was a native of Germany, the mother, of Ireland, and they were married in the state of New York. Soon afterward they sought a home in the middle west, locating first in Lee county, Illinois, while in 1856 they became residents of Jones county, Iowa, and spent their remaining days upon the farm which is now the home of their son Charles. Here the father died in March, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, while his wife, who was born in 1827, passed away in 1893. Their family numbered seven children: John H., who is living in Grinnell, Iowa; Charles A., of this review; Mary Ellen, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Margaret Mary, who died when twenty-two years of age; Martin Luther, who passed away at the age of twenty-five years; George S., who died leaving a widow and one daughter; and Delia Jane, who died when two and a half years of age. The eldest two are the only ones now living.

As previously stated, Charles A. Schwab was but six months old when his parents came to Oxford township and here he has since lived with the exception of

about eight years spent in Story county, Iowa. He continued on the old home-stead until three years after his marriage when he went to Story county, there continuing until about 1905 when he took up his abode upon his present farm, constituting the northeast quarter of section 9, Oxford township. This is a well improved tract of land supplied with good buildings which are kept in a state of excellent repair. The father bought eighty acres of this as raw prairie and made all of the improvements upon it, while later he purchased eighty acres more. Mr. Schwab is diligent in carrying on the work of the fields, developing the land according to modern methods and annually harvesting good crops as the reward of his labors. In addition to cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of the raising of Norman horses. He likewise conducts a dairy business and sells to the creamery company. He also raises fruit of all kinds upon his place and has a splendidly developed property, well equipped in all lines of general farming.

In 1879 Mr. Schwab was united in marriage to Miss Ella Walston, a native of this county and a daughter of William Walston. She died leaving three children: Ira Martin; Lula Pearl, the wife of John Tordson, of Oxford Junction; and Ernest A. For his second wife, whom he wedded in 1894, Mr. Schwab chose Mrs. Minnie (Turkle) Schwab, his brother's widow. She is a native of Ohio and a daughter of Joseph Turkle. By this marriage there is one son, Lloyd Turkle, and by her former marriage Mrs. Schwab has a daughter, Laura Elizabeth. Mr. Schwab belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is a member of the Lutheran church of Oxford Junction. He has worked diligently and persistently to attain the success which is now his and as the years have gone by his energy has conquered all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, making him one of the substantial farmers of the district.

CHARLES J. CASH.

In a history of the legal profession in Jones county mention should be made of Charles J. Cash, now a partner in the law firm of Herrick, Cash & Rhinehart, with offices in Anamosa and Monticello. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for he is a native son of the city in which he makes his home and where he has so directed his efforts as to gain recognition as the reward of marked ability and one whose devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial.

His father, John Cash, was a native of Ireland and coming to the United States in 1859 settled in New York city, where he engaged in teaming for a time. He remained in the eastern metropolis until 1867 with the exception of three years, which he spent as a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in March, 1862, as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry and afterward served with the One Hundred and Fifth New York Infantry until mustered out after the close of hostilities in August, 1865. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg and other important engagements and after being wounded was sent to the Nashville Military Hospital. In 1867 he removed to

Anamosa, where he worked by the day until he could gain a start. He then turned his attention to farming in Fairview and later became the owner of a tract of land. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, while his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine O'Brien, was born in Ireland and came with her parents to the United States in 1859, the family home being established in New York city, where she was married. She, too, was a member of the Catholic church and died in that faith in 1883. In their family were six children: William, who was born in 1861 and followed the stone cutter's trade until his death in 1902; Edward, who was born in 1867 and is a locomotive engineer of Louisiana with headquarters in New Orleans; Mary, who was born in 1868 and is living in Dubuque; Charles J.; John, who was born in 1872, in Anamosa, and now resides in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Stephen, whose birth occurred in Anamosa in 1875.

Charles J. Cash acquired his literary education in the public schools of this city, which he attended during the winter months from 1876 until 1889. He worked on a farm during the summer seasons and pursued his studies evenings without assistance. Although tired from the day's work he would study evenings while in bed until he would fall asleep. Being of unusual physical strength he was interested and also active in outdoor sports. After leaving school he took an extended trip in the west, but returned to Anamosa and began the study of law, having concluded from observations that special training for some trade or profession was essential, and, possessing, moreover, a long cherished desire to enter the legal profession, he entered the office of F. O. Ellison, who directed his reading for two years. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1894, and at once entered upon the active practice of his profession. He remained alone until 1900, when he formed a partnership with B. E. Rhinehart under the firm style of Cash & Rhinehart, the connection remaining unchanged until 1908, when M. W. Herrick, of Monticello, became a member of the firm, which is now known as Herrick, Cash & Rhinehart. They have offices in Anamosa and Monticello and their clientage is extensive and of a representative character. Through his own efforts and determination Mr. Cash has acquired a splendid reputation as a lawyer and reached a high place as a member of the legal bar. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. His pleas have been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation rather than by flights of oratory, and his power is the greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is ever to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb or illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved.

On the 21st of June, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cash and Miss Margaret Kennedy, for ten years a teacher in the public schools of Sioux City, Iowa, and unto them was born a son, Paul, whose birth occurred January 26, 1900. The wife and mother passed away on the 23d of April, of the same year, at Sioux City. In December, 1903, Mr. Cash was again married, his second union being with Josephine Shaffer, of Cascade, Iowa, who was also a school teacher and a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret Shaffer. Her grandfather, Nicholas Shaffer, Sr., came to America in 1830. He had served several years on the staff

of the great Napoleon, and after the disastrous march of Moscow he was captured and for some time acted as a teacher of the French language to the Russian nobility. Mr. and Mrs. Cash now have one son, Charles J., who was born June 1, 1905. Their parents are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Cash belongs also to the Modern Woodmen, the Mystic Workers and the Knights of Columbus, while in more specifically professional lines he is connected with the Jones County Bar Association. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, and he is recognized as one of the local leaders of the party. He was chairman of the democratic county central committee and for many years was one of its members, while since attaining his majority he has taken a very active part in whatever has pertained to the welfare and the interest of the party. For four years he served as justice of the peace and was also alderman from the second ward. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney, was defeated in 1904 and was reelected in 1906 and 1908, so that he is now the incumbent in the position. Chosen three times for this office, his reelection is incontrovertible proof of the ability which he has displayed in discharging his duties. He has been unusually successful as a prosecutor and is the only incumbent in that office who has been returned by increased majorities at each succeeding election. As a candidate for office he has commanded the votes of those who know him best, having in every instance received his party vote and nearly a majority of the republican vote in his home town.

FREDERICK OSCAR ELLISON.

Judge Frederick Oscar Ellison was in 1906 called to the bench of the eighteenth judicial district and his course has been distinguished by high legal ability. To wear the ermine worthily it is not enough that one possess legal acumen, is learned in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with precedents and thoroughly honest. Many men, even when acting uprightly are unable to wholly divest themselves of prejudice and are unconsciously warped in their judgments by their own mental characteristics or educational peculiarities. This unconscious and variable disturbing force enters more or less into the judgments of all men but in the ideal jurist this fact becomes so small as not to be discernible in results and loses its potency as a disturbing force. Judge Ellison in the opinion of the bar is exceptionally free from judicial bias. His varied legal learning and wide experience in the courts, the patient care with which he ascertains all the facts bearing upon every case that comes before him gives his decisions a solidity and exhaustiveness from which the members of the bar can take no exception.

A native of New York city, Judge Ellison was born July 4, 1853, of the marriage of Thomas B. and Ann (Ruxton) Ellison, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to America in early life and were married in Connecticut. After living for some time in New York city, they removed to Indianola, Warren county, Iowa, in 1870 and there remained for about ten years, after which they returned to the eastern metropolis. The father died in New York in 1891 at the venerable age of eighty-two years while the mother passed away in 1891 at the age of seventy-two years. In their family were the following named: Levina



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M., who is the wife of E. M. Pearson and resides in Detroit, Michigan; Anna G., who is the widow of Henry Laird and resides in New York City; Charles R., of New York City, who wedded Mary Brown, now deceased; Margaret and Henrietta, both of whom died in childhood; Thomas W., who wedded Mary Cadugen and died in 1894; Frederick, of this review; George Walter, who died at the age of sixteen years; Florence A., who became the wife of Dr. D. C. Cox, of New York City, and after his death, which occurred in 1889, married J. W. Cassell; Nina D., the wife of John Eakins, a resident of New York City.

Reared in the American metropolis, Judge Ellison continued his studies in the high school of New York and also in the academy there. At the age of sixteen, however, he started out in life on his own account and in 1870 took charge of a farm his father purchased for him. The following winter was passed in St. Louis but in the spring he returned to the farm which was located near Indianola, Iowa. About a year later he began reading law with the firm of Todhunter & Williamson of Indianola and after thorough preliminary study was admitted to the bar in 1873. He then located for practice in Clinton, Iowa, where he remained for a year and a half and in 1875 came to Jones county, soon establishing a large law practice in Wyoming. His ability was recognized in the able manner in which he handled his cases and his clientage increased in volume and importance, connecting him with much of the litigation tried in the courts of the district. In June, 1889, he removed to Anamosa, where he has since resided. In 1887 he had been elected county attorney, which office he filled for six years, his reelection coming as the merited expression of public confidence in his ability and trustworthiness. He is so thoroughly well read in the minutia of the law that he is able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge and familiarity of precedents and to present a case upon its merits, never failing to recognize the main points at issue and never neglecting to give thorough preparation. His logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been another potent element in his success and the remarkable clearness of expression and adequate and precise diction which enables him to make others understand not only the salient points of his argument but his every fine gradation of meaning may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments.

Judge Ellison has long been recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in his district and in 1894 was elected a member of the Iowa house of representatives, in which he served for one term. He was then chosen state senator and while serving in the upper house as well left the impress of his individuality and far-sighted judgment upon the laws enacted during that period. In 1904 he was chosen presidential elector from his district and in 1906 was elected judge of the district court and is now serving on the bench, his record as a judge being in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer, characterized by the faithful performance of every duty and a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution.

On the 3d of November, 1875, Judge Ellison was united in marriage to Miss A. E. McCutchen, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Adams) McCutchen, who were natives of Pennsylvania and on coming to Iowa in 1868 settled in Indianola, Warren county. There they remained until 1874 when they removed to Lyons, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away in 1881.

at the age of seventy-one years while the mother reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. Unto Judge and Mrs. Ellison have been born five children. Dr. Clifford W. Ellison, the eldest, now in New York City, married Miss Maude Spears and they have one son, Frederick Spears. The second member of Judge Ellison's family died in infancy. Frederick Harold passed away in 1895 at the age of eleven years. Roland R. is at home and Mildred is attending the Chicago University.

While Judge Ellison is perhaps best known through the state at large as a strong and able member of the Iowa bar and the capable and impartial judge, he is regarded in Anamosa as a valued citizen because of the active part which he has taken in municipal affairs and in furthering the interests of the community in various ways. He is now president of the library board and is a director in the Anamosa National Bank. While living in Wyoming, he served as mayor of that city and in 1894 was chosen mayor of Anamosa, capably administering municipal interests so that the welfare of the community at large was conserved. He has also been city attorney for one term. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Masons, belonging to Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Sinai Chapter, R. A. M.; Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; and the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His life is typical of all that is progressive and loyal in citizenship and honorable in manhood. While on the bench he fully maintains the dignity of the office, his friends find him a social, genial gentleman, with whom association means expansion and elevation.

FRED J. STORM.

Fred J. Storm, a substantial and enterprising agriculturist of Jones county, is the owner of a well improved and productive farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in Madison township. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 3d of March, 1865, his parents being Fred and Dora (Ehlers) Storm, the former a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, while the latter's birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. They came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood and eventually located in Jackson county, Iowa, where they were married. There the father took up the work of farming but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, being drowned in the flood on the 17th of March, 1865, when his son, Fred J., was but fourteen days old. His widow afterward married Conrad Meyers, to whom she proved a faithful companion and helpmate until the time of her demise in April, 1907.

In his youthful days Fred J. Storm attended the common schools in pursuit of an education but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, as his assistance was needed in the work of the home farm. He lived with his mother and stepfather until twenty-three years of age, when he secured a position with a horse breeder and for five years had charge of thoroughbred stallions. On the expiration of that period he was married and brought his young bride to Wyom-

ing, Jones county, taking up his abode on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the town. After residing thereon for six years he disposed of the property and purchased a tract of two hundred and fifteen acres of land in Madison township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and energies. He is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and planting the crops and has won a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his agricultural interests. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raises thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, all of his stock being of the best breeds. The prosperity which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it has been attained entirely through his own well directed and untiring industry, for he started out in life empty handed, wholly dependent upon his own resources for whatever success he might hope to achieve.

In 1893 Mr. Storm was united in marriage to Miss Anna Louisa Lucksted, of Clinton county, Iowa. Her father was John Lucksted, a native of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States late in the '50s. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Storm have been born five children: Elmer C.; Ira C., who died August 18, 1909; Arnold F.; Mira D.; and Nora L. The four living are at home.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Storm gives his political allegiance to the democracy but at local elections casts an independent ballot, supporting the candidate whom he believes best qualified for office. Both he and his wife are faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of upright, honorable lives.

W. N. FRENCH.

W. N. French, a substantial and enterprising agriculturist of Madison township, where he owns an excellent farm of two hundred and ten acres, is likewise well known as a raiser of shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. His birth occurred in Clay township, Jones county, Iowa, on the 23d of October, 1857, his parents being Joseph and Grace C. (Beaver) French. They were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively and came to this state as young people. Joseph French, who arrived in Iowa in 1846, spent about two years in Jackson county and then went to Indiana, where he remained for a similar period. Subsequently he returned to Jackson county, Iowa, where he entered a quarter section of government land and made his home for three years. At the end of that time he came to Jones county and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Clay township at eight dollars per acre. In the year 1883 he took up his abode in Madison township, where he bought the farm of two hundred and ten acres which is now in possession of his son, W. N. After residing thereon for four years he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Wyoming, where he lived retired until the time of his demise in 1900. His political allegiance was given to the men and measures of the democracy, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He took an active and helpful

part in the work of the church and served in various official capacities. His upright and honorable life gained him the esteem of a large circle of friends and he was widely recognized as a most substantial and respected citizen of the community. His widow, who still survives him, has attained the age of seventy-three years and now makes her home with a daughter in Wyoming. She is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church and is highly esteemed for her many good traits of heart and mind.

In his youthful days W. N. French attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and when not busy with his text-books he gave his father the benefit of his services in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was married when a young man of twenty-one years and subsequently farmed a portion of the home place for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Delaware county, where he was engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm for three years. In the meantime he had chosen a location for his future home in Nebraska and had already begun making preparations for his removal to that state but was dissuaded from his purpose by his father, who, retiring from active life, wished him to purchase and conduct the home farm in Madison township, this county. His time and energies have since been given to the further cultivation and improvement of this property, and his labors as an agriculturist have been rewarded with a gratifying and commendable measure of success. He likewise raises shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and feeds all the grain which his farm produces, feeding a carload of cattle annually.

In 1878 Mr. French was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Orr of Dubuque county, Iowa, by whom he had eleven children, ten of whom still survive, namely: Nellie V., the wife of N. A. Huston, of Stanley county, South Dakota; Lillian B., the wife of Charles Buck, of Stevens county, Washington; Grace M., who is assistant bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment at Cedar Rapids; and James E., Cecil R., Elta A., Mildred, Lester D., Elizabeth I. and Dorothy L., all of whom are at home.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. French votes the democratic ticket but at local elections casts his ballot for the candidate whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliation. His fraternal relations are with Wyoming Lodge, No. 147, I. O. O. F., and Wyoming Camp, No. 183, M. W. A. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the community in which he resides and has gained enviable recognition among the representative and progressive citizens of his native county.

DR. WILLIAM W. BRONSON.

Dr. William W. Bronson, a veterinary surgeon residing at Wyoming, enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice in this connection and is a prominent representative of the profession in Jones county. He was born in Wyoming, on the 10th of June, 1876, his parents being James W. and Augusta M. (Brainard) Bronson, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The paternal

grandfather, Rev. Asahel Bronson, whose birth occurred in Connecticut, November 3, 1807, was a son of Ezra Bronson, of Tolland, Connecticut, but later of Fairfield and Danbury. The latter was drafted at the age of sixteen and became a soldier in the war of the Revolution, for many years acting as captain of the militia at Danbury. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Knapp, was a resident of that place. In 1857 the Rev. Asahel Bronson, having secured a transfer from the Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in New York to the Upper Iowa conference, took up his abode in Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa. His labors as a minister of the gospel proved effective and far-reaching and he lived to attain the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, passing away August 8, 1905. In early manhood he married Philena Horton White, who was born March 19, 1820, and died July 4, 1904.

James W. Bronson, the father of Dr. W. W. Bronson, was born in Westchester, New York, June 20, 1842, and was a lad of fifteen years when he came with his parents to this county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, and served until the close of hostilities between the north and the south. The following is an extract from an obituary appearing in one of the local papers at the time of his demise: "He was not only mustered out with an honorable discharge but with a certificate from Chaplain Martyn of Christian character to admit him into membership of any Evangelical church. Said the chaplain to one much interested: 'I bring this young man back one of the few young men who have gone through this war pure and undefiled.' What a great record that was before God and man!" Soon after the close of the war James W. Bronson took a course of medical lectures at Iowa City. Owing to delicate health he did not finish his studies, but was engaged for twenty-five years or more as a veterinarian, in which profession he was quite successful. In 1867 he wedded Miss Augusta M. Brainard, by whom he had two sons, Benjamin and William W. His death, which occurred suddenly on the 19th of October, 1898, was deeply mourned not only by the members of his immediate family but also by a large circle of relatives and friends. He was a man of keen intellect and was, moreover, noted for his brilliant oratorical powers. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he abhorred shams of every kind and his word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. He was a valued and honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ben Paul Post, G. A. R., both of which organizations passed resolutions of respect and condolence at the time of his demise.

Dr. W. W. Bronson was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education by a course in the Wyoming high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. In early manhood he took up the study of veterinary surgery under the preceptorship of his father and in the fall of 1896 entered the Chicago Veterinary College, attending that institution for one school year. He then returned home and in the fall of 1899 became enrolled as a student in the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago, there remaining for a year. In 1901 he again entered the Chicago Veterinary College and following his graduation in 1902 he returned to Wyoming and took up the practice of his profession. In 1903 he was employed by the government as meat inspector at St. Paul, Minnesota, but with the exception of that year has been continuously engaged in the

practice of veterinary surgery at Wyoming and is widely recognized as a prominent and successful representative of the profession in his native county.

In 1900 Dr. Bronson was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Franks, of Wyoming, by whom he has two sons, Howard and William. His political allegiance is given to the men and measures of the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. He belongs to Keystone Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., and likewise has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. In whatever sphere of life he is found he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman and enjoys in unlimited degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

HON. WILLIAM M. BYERLY.

Some men are personally popular enough to rise above party lines and ties and to carry all before them. They possess the characteristics needed in public men and these are recognized and appreciated by those in whose hands lies the voting privilege. The Hon. William M. Byerly of Jackson township, present member of the lower house of the general assembly from his district, is a man whose popularity is remarkable and whose public life is without a blemish. He was born in this township, March 31, 1854, and belongs to one of the best known families of Jones county, being a son of the pioneers Michael and Elizabeth (Jefferies) Byerly.

Michael Byerly was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 10, 1818, while his wife was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, May 6, 1815, but she was taken to Fairfield county by her parents and was there married November 1, 1840. Six years later they came to Jones county, Iowa, locating in Jackson township, which ever afterward was their home. The father died here July 10, 1866, and the mother passed away December 22, 1900. Michael Byerly entered the land now owned by his son William M., fifty-six acres being in timber and forty in prairie. He also bought other claims until he owned one hundred and sixty-six acres. This land has never been out of the family or been incumbered in any way. In politics he was a strong democrat and held various township offices. He was also active in religious work and was one of the founders of the Antioch Christian church as well as one of its trustees. He and his wife had the following family: Alvin R., who lives at Fredonia, Kansas; Milton J. and John W. who live in Jackson township; Malinda, who married R. B. Johnson, of Jackson township; William M., of this review; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; and three children who died in infancy. The eldest, Alvin R. enlisted in 1862 in Company K, Sixth Iowa Cavalry and served three years in the Civil war, or until 1865.

William M. Byerly has spent his life in Jones county with the exception of three years, from 1880 to 1883, when he was in Barton county, Kansas. He was educated in the common schools of Jackson township and at Lennox College, Hopkinton, Iowa. Following this he taught school twelve terms during the winter in



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the country and boarded among the people of his district. During the summer months he farmed and eventually became the owner of five hundred acres in three farms adjoining each other. For some years he has made a specialty of feeding Duroc Jersey hogs, having three hundred and fifty head. He also feeds horses and about three carloads of steers annually, and he milks about twenty-five cows, selling his product to the creamery. This farm, for it is conducted as one, is a thoroughly modern one and Mr. Byerly prides himself upon his superb equipment and methods. In addition to other interests, he is a stockholder and has been a director from its organization of the Miles & Walters Savings Bank of Anamosa. He is also a director of the Anamosa District Fair Association.

One of the strongest democrats in the county, he has held many of the township offices and was assessor for twelve years and school director for eighteen years. In 1906 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors by a majority of six hundred and nineteen and was serving as chairman of the board when elected to the legislature in the fall of 1908, receiving at that time a majority of one hundred and thirty-six in a county normally republican by a thousand majority. Mr. Byerly is a member of the democratic county central committee and has often been sent as delegate to state conventions. His work in the house was marked by a broad-gauged policy, which, while defending and protecting the interests of his people, did not swerve from the straight path of moral rectitude. He was reared in the Christian church but is not a member of any religious denomination.

On March 17, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Byerly and Eliza Waggoner. She was born in Jackson township, December 22, 1857, a daughter of Barnhart and Barbara (Emert) Waggoner, the former born in Alsace, Germany, (then a part of France) August 26, 1803, and the latter in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The mother's death occurred in March, 1859, when she was but thirty-eight. Barnhart Waggoner came from his native land to New York City, February 23, 1827, and to Ohio in 1833. There he was married in 1840 and in 1852 he came to Jones county, where he lived until his death, which occurred February 6, 1898. By his first marriage he had eight children that grew to maturity, four boys and four girls, and one son by a second marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly have had eleven children as follows: Claud, who is in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad at Waterloo; Jay, who is at home; Floy, who is the wife of Rev. J. C. Tourtellott, a Presbyterian preacher of Fairbury, Nebraska; Blanche, who married Roy Russell of Jackson township; Jennie, who died at the age of ten years; and Guy, Grace, Lee, Beulah, Lillian and Mildred, who are at home.

PETER C. LEVSEN.

Peter C. Levensen, the owner of an excellent and highly improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Madison township, is widely recognized as one of the most extensive and successful cattle feeders in the county. His birth occurred near Husum, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 23d of October, 1858, his

parents being Edlef H. and Elsabe (Jansen) Levsen, who were also natives of that country. In the year 1869 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, where the father became identified with general agricultural pursuits as a renter. Seven years later, in 1876, he came to Jones county, purchasing the farm of two hundred and forty acres in Madison township which is now in the possession of his son, Peter C. Here he made his home until the time of his demise, devoting his energies to the work of farming with excellent success. He passed away in 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1902, when eighty-three years of age. They were both devoted and faithful members of the German Lutheran church.

Peter C. Levsen, who was a lad of eleven years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, supplemented his early education, obtained in the schools of his native land, by a course of study in the public schools of this state. He was twenty years of age when his elder brother, Hans, was married and left the parental roof and thereafter the management of the home farm devolved upon him. Subsequent to his father's death he bought the interest of the other heirs in the property and thus came into possession of one of the most valuable and highly improved farms in the entire county. He has since extended its boundaries by additional purchase until it now embraces three hundred and twenty acres, and he likewise owns a half section of valuable land in the Saskatchewan district in Canada. For years he has dealt in stock on an extensive scale and is today one of the heaviest cattle feeders in Jones county, feeding from eight to ten carloads annually. He has been very successful in both his farming and live-stock interests and has long been numbered among the most prosperous, enterprising and progressive citizens of the community.

In 1890 Mr. Levsen was united in marriage to Miss Louisa H. Rick, of Sabula, Iowa. They are now the parents of four children, namely: Paul, who is a graduate of the Wyoming high school; Hettie, a high-school student; and Emil and Marvin, who are attending the public schools.

Politically Mr. Levsen is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democracy but at local elections supports the candidate whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliation. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed, and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, so that he well merits the esteem and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

JAMES HENIK.

James Henik, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres on section 31, Oxford township, devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with excellent success. He was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 28th of September, 1860, his parents being Michael and Josephine Henik, natives of Bohemia. Both are now deceased, however, passing away in Johnson county, this state.

James Henik was the ninth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, seven of whom still survive. When about seventeen years of age he secured employment by the month as a farm hand, being thus busily engaged until the time of his marriage, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hale township, Jones county. After operating this place for ten or eleven years he sold the property to his brother Joseph and bought his present farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres on section 31, Oxford township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and energies. He has erected most of the buildings on the property and in his farming interests has won a measure of success that entitles him to recognition among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

In the year 1884 Mr. Henik was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wasoba, whose birth occurred in Bohemia in 1865. When about two years of age she was brought to the United States by her parents, Michael and Barbara Wasoba, who established their home in Oxford Junction, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henik have been born three children, namely: Frank, at home; Mary, the wife of George Dasonik, of Madison township; and Antony, who is still under the parental roof. The parents are widely and favorably known in this locality and their home is justly celebrated for its gracious and warm-hearted hospitality.

AUGUST H. JANSEN.

The agricultural interests of Jones county find a worthy and successful representative in August H. Jansen, who now makes his home in Wyoming township. He was born in Germany on the 5th of February, 1859, a son of Peter and Cecilia Jansen, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the year 1882. They took up their abode in Jones county, Iowa, and here spent their remaining days. They had a family of nine children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Hans, a resident of Chicago, Illinois; John, living in Wyoming, Jones county; Johanna, who likewise makes her home in this county; August H., of this review; and Peter, the cashier of the Wyoming Bank.

August H. Jansen attended school in his native land but had only limited opportunities in that direction. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and remained at home until he had attained his thirtieth year, when he was united in marriage to Mrs. Melvina Reimer. Subsequently he rented a farm in Clinton county, Iowa, and was successfully engaged in its operation for ten years. He made a specialty of buying, feeding and shipping stock and handled as many as thirty carloads a year, this branch of his business proving very remunerative. In 1899 he returned to Jones county and bought a farm in Madison township, residing thereon until 1908, when he disposed of the property. He then bought a farm of seventy-two acres in Wyoming township, adjoining the village of Wyoming, and has since devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement. He likewise owns six hundred and forty acres of land in Canada, all of which is now under cultivation and three hundred and twenty acres of which was planted to wheat in 1909. Though empty handed when he started

out in life on his own account, he has made good use of his opportunities and as the years have gone by has prospered as the result of his unfaltering industry and capable management.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jansen have been born three children, namely: Peter C., who is a graduate of the Wyoming high school; Albert H., who has likewise completed his studies in that institution; and Arthur M. The three sons are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Jansen gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Jones county.

JACOB WILBUR DOXSEE.

Jacob Wilbur Doxsee, attorney at law and publisher of *The Monticello Express*, was born at Western Star, Summit county, Ohio, January 17, 1857. His father, Alfred R. Doxsee, was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 27, 1832, and was descended on the paternal side from ancestors who came into New York from Holland, previous to the Revolutionary war, and on the maternal side from those who were known as Quakers. The father of Alfred R. Doxsee was Jacob Doxsee, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Vickers. The mother of the subject of this sketch was Mary Jane Bennett, the daughter of parents living on the Western Reserve in Ohio, where she was born May 31, 1837. Her father, Abel Bennett, was a native of Canada and her mother, whose maiden name was Cylenna Tyler, was born in New York. The parents of the subject of this sketch were married August 13, 1854, by Rev. Almond Green, in Summit county, Ohio.

The family lived at Sharon Center, Ohio, until they came to Iowa and settled on a farm on Bowens Prairie, Jones county, in October, 1863. Jacob Wilbur, the eldest of the four children, remained on the farm until he entered Lenox College, at Hopkinton, at the age of fifteen years. In 1874 he became a student at the Iowa State College, at Ames, and graduated with the class of 1877, in the scientific course. During his college course he availed himself of the privilege of teaching during the winter vacations and thus earned almost enough to defray his college expenses.

In the spring of 1878, Mr. Doxsee began the study of law in the office of M. W. Herrick, at Monticello. He was admitted to the bar the next year and soon after entered into partnership with Mr. Herrick. During their partnership Messrs. Herrick & Doxsee wrote a treatise on the Probate Law and Practice of Iowa and Dakota, which was well received by the legal profession. On December 1, 1883, they purchased *The Monticello Express*, a newspaper which they con-

ducted in connection with their law business until the dissolution of their partnership in 1888. Since that time Mr. Doxsee has conducted his law practice alone and has found time to superintend the publication of his newspaper. He has been a director of the Lovell State Bank as well as its attorney since its organization, and was for a long time president of the Monticello Electric Company.

Mr. Doxsee is a republican but has never sought political preferment, choosing to give his entire time to his profession and business. He was one of the organizers of the Fifth District Editorial Association and was its president in 1895. In July, 1899, he was appointed by President McKinley, supervisor of the census for the fifth congressional district of Iowa, a position which came unsought. He had the supervision of the taking of the twelfth census in that territory. In 1894 he was a delegate from the fifth district of Iowa to the republican national convention which nominated Theodore Roosevelt, and he was a member of the committee appointed by that convention to notify the vice-presidential nominee, Charles W. Fairbanks, of his nomination. In 1905 he spent nearly four months traveling in Europe in company with C. S. Bidwell. He has been a member of the school board during the past eight years.

Mr. Doxsee was united in marriage on the 3d of February, 1887, to Miss Jessie Sloan Fawcett, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fawcett, at Salem, Ohio, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Ezra Hingley. They have two children: Charles Alfred, born August 7, 1888, and Mary Eliza, born August 9, 1890, both of whom are students at Cornell College.

F. B. WOSOBA.

F. B. Wosoba, who was formerly identified with farming interests in Oxford township, now makes his home in Oxford Junction and is serving as marshal of the village. He was born on his father's farm in Oxford township, March 14, 1872, a son of Michael and Anna Wosoba, who were natives of Bohemia, and accompanied their respective parents to the United States in their childhood. The parents are still living and make their home in Oxford Junction. Their family numbered four children but the youngest, John, is deceased. The other members are: Mary, the wife of Albert Hromik, a resident of Silvis, Illinois; Frank; and Frances B., the wife of James Bracha, of Oxford Junction.

F. B. Wosoba acquired his education in the common schools and remained on the home farm, assisting his father in the work of the fields until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account, cultivating for ten years the farm which he still owns in Oxford township, this tract comprising two hundred and sixty acres, located on section 15. In addition to his farm work he also raised stock, making a specialty of this branch of business. In 1902, however, he put aside his farming interests and took up his abode in Oxford Junction, where he owns a fine modern residence.

Mr. Wosoba was married in 1892 to Miss Anna Lipchausky, who was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and this union has been blessed with two children: Vlast,

who is employed as clerk in a store and is with his parents; and Lilly, who is a high-school student at Oxford Junction.

Mr. Wosoba is a democrat in his political views. For the past four years he has served as marshal of Oxford Junction and in this connection is doing much good for the community, while at the same time he is gaining an honorable name for himself. He is a Modern Woodman and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 85, at Oxford Junction. He likewise affiliates with the C. Z. B. J., a Bohemian organization. In whatever relation of life he is found, he is the same honorable and upright man, loyal in friendship and true to every duty that devolves upon him in citizenship.

T. E. BOOTH.

There are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which is uniformly accorded to T. E. Booth, for through more than a half century's connection with Anamosa's history his record has been characterized by all that makes for honorable manhood and progressive citizenship. With him success in life has been reached by his sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle. The record is uneventful if judged by the standard of exciting experiences, yet his influence has not been a latent factor in the life of the community but rather a steady moving force which has wrought for general progress and advancement. He is known in journalistic circles throughout the state as the proprietor of the *Anamosa Eureka*. He set his first line of type in the office of which he is now the owner.

His father, Edmund Booth, was at one time the owner of the *Eureka*, and when he passed away at the age of ninety-four years he was the oldest editor in America and the oldest teacher of the deaf, probably, in the world. He was himself a semi-mute, for though he could speak he could not hear, and his wife was both deaf and dumb. Their marriage license is the first one recorded in Jones county, Iowa, having been issued in 1840. Their son, T. E. Booth, was born February 11, 1842, in Fairview township, and has since lived within its borders save for a period of less than two years. His early education was acquired in common schools of the most ordinary kind, and even then his opportunities were limited because of the necessity for his labor on the farm. His ambition, however, was not in agricultural lines, but tended toward the printer's trade and he served a three years' apprenticeship in the office of the *Eureka*, which had been established in the fall of 1856 by John E. Lovejoy, a brother of the distinguished orator and Illinois congressman, Owen Lovejoy, and also of Elijah Lovejoy, who was killed at Alton, Illinois, because of his advocacy of anti-slavery sentiments. The new paper had little support and proved such a disheartening enterprise that Mr. Lovejoy sold it to C. L. D. Crockwell, a local druggist, a few weeks after it was started. In January, 1858, Matt Parrott, a job printer of Davenport, Iowa, purchased a half interest in the paper and was local editor and foreman when Mr. Booth began his apprenticeship. "The first thing he did on that day so eventful to us," writes Mr. Booth in the *Eureka* many



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years afterward, "was to bring forth a big box of nonpareil pi, probably a half peck of small legal matter type that some printer unluckily spilled out of a case. Mr. Parrott set a line to show which side up the nicks should be and turned the stick over to us. Another boy, Douglas, son of Mr. Crockwell, started at the same time. He soon tired of the job and quit."

The *Eureka* at that time had a circulation of four hundred, including exchanges, but it had little advertising patronage and its main source of support came from the sheriff sales, original and probate notices and the tax list after the county went republican in 1859. Not long after Mr. Booth became connected with the paper his father purchased a part of Mr. Crockwell's interest in the *Eureka*, of which practically he had been the editor from the first. The equipment of the plant included a Washington press but there was no job press, the hand press being used to print the few little "jobs" that were brought to them. For his apprenticeship Mr. Booth was to receive thirty dollars for the first year, forty-five dollars for the second year and sixty dollars for the third, but such was the financial outlook of the paper that during the three years he did not receive, perhaps, more than ten dollars in cash, with the smallest possible allowance for clothing. During the second summer he and Mr. Parrott set up and printed the paper without any other help. His apprenticeship concluded, he spent twenty months in an eastern academy and then returned to take his place in the office of the *Eureka*. Since that time he has been continuously connected with the paper, doing every kind of work in the office, mechanical, business and editorial. He had thought in early youth to some day become connected with a metropolitan establishment, but fate decreed otherwise and he has remained in the *Eureka* office, which has been owned by the Booths for more than four decades. The *Eureka* has always been an example of clean journalism, characterized by progressiveness in keeping with the advancement that has characterized the country press. Its columns have been used to advocate all measures and movements which has had for their object the betterment of municipal or county interests and in the discussion of state and national policies its tone has been no uncertain one, yet with none of the bitter aggressiveness or partisanship that is too often seen in the local press. Mr. Booth is himself a fair-minded man, capable of looking at the question from an unprejudiced standpoint and his advocacy of any issue or principle has been sufficient to win for it other followers on account of the public confidence felt in his judgment.

CHARLES O. WOODARD.

Charles O. Woodard, whose standing as a farmer and business man is known all over Jones county, has for many years been a resident of Hale township. He was born in this county, two and a half miles northwest of Wyoming, Madison township, September 17, 1869, a son of Leonard and Jennie (Hall) Woodard. The father was a native of Oneida county, New York, while the mother was born near Dunkirk, New York, being a daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Taylor) Hall, both natives of the Empire state. Three children were born to them, as follows:

Lewis, of Wyoming; Charles O., of Hale and Albert, of Canada. After losing his first wife in Ohio, Leonard Woodard removed to Jones county, Iowa, where he now resides.

Until he attained his majority, Charles O. Woodard assisted his father upon the homestead, but at that age he commenced working out by the month on neighboring farms, being thus employed for a year. After his marriage he rented land in Madison township and commenced farming for himself. In 1903 Mr. Woodard bought his present farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres on section 11, Hale township, and he also has fourteen acres on the Wapsi river. His farm is well improved and yields a comfortable annual income. He has learned the best methods of working his land so as to secure the largest profits and he feels satisfied with the results of his efforts and good management.

In 1891 Mr. Woodard married Amanda Lage, of Rock Island, Illinois, who was born in March, 1873, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Lage, natives of Germany, who now reside in Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard have two children, namely: Bertha L. and Margaret. Mr. Woodard is a republican but as yet his farm duties have prevented his holding public office. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist church of Hale, of which he is a member.

One of the best stone quarries in the neighborhood is located on his farm. It has been in operation for fifty years and all of the stone used in Wyoming was procured from this quarry. Other villages and towns also depend upon it for stone as the product of the quarry is excellent. A good farmer and business man, careful and conscientious in his dealings with others, consistent in his church life, Mr. Woodard is a good citizen and a man whose example others would do well to follow. He and his wife have an ideal home life and welcome their friends with true hospitality that knows no distinction because of social standing or worldly prosperity.

BENNETT E. RHINEHART.

Bennett E. Rhinehart, for twelve years an attorney at the Anamosa bar, enjoying during this period a constantly increasing clientele, was born at Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of November, 1868. His parents were Bennett and Catherine Rhinehart. The father was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1833 and died in 1908, having passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey. He was a farmer by occupation and came to Iowa on the 10th of February, 1869, settling first in Taylor county, where he secured a tract of land, making it his home during the greater part of his remaining days. He became prosperous as the years went by and retired about ten years prior to his death, which occurred while he was on a visit to his children in Walter, Oklahoma. He held membership in the Christian church and his life was in consistent harmony with its teachings. Politically he was a strong republican giving unfaltering allegiance to the principles of the party. Fraternally he was connected with the Odd Fellows and also with the Grand Army of the Republic. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting

ing in his native county as a member of Company K, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served for about a year. He took part in the battle of Stone River and for about a year was ill in the military hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, after which he was honorably discharged. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Leonard, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on Christmas day of 1842 and is now living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is a consistent member of the Christian church and was a most devoted mother to her family, which numbered ten children.

Bennett E. Rhinehart, the sixth in order of birth, pursued his education in the schools of Bedford, Iowa, and after attending the district schools was graduated from the high school of that place with the class of 1891. Immediately afterward he took up the study of law under private instruction, thus continuing his review for a year, after which he began to work in order to secure money that would enable him to pursue a law course. He then entered the Iowa College of Law at Des Moines and was graduated in May, 1896, with the degree of B. L. He then took the examination before the supreme court on the 13th of May, of that year, and was admitted to practice at the Iowa bar. His early experience was that of the average farm boy, who is deprived of all but the actual necessities. He worked for nine months each year on the farm and attended school in the winter. He was ambitious, however, and, determining to follow a professional career, pursued his plans for becoming a member of the bar, as previously stated. Following his admission he at once began practice in Anamosa on the 1st of January, 1897. He continued alone until 1900, when he formed a partnership with Charles J. Cash under the firm style of Cash & Rhinehart, and they practiced together until 1908, when M. W. Herrick joined them under the style of Herrick, Cash & Rhinehart. Their progress in a professional way has been extremely flattering. This is recognized as one of the strongest law firms of the county, their clientage being of a most extensive and important character. In 1904 Mr. Rhinehart was elected city attorney of Anamosa and is now serving for the third term in that position, his reelections being evidence of his ability and the confidence imposed in him by the public. He was also justice of the peace from the 1st of January, 1897, until January 1, 1901. Aside from all professional connections he is known in financial circles as one of the stockholders of the Citizens Savings Bank.

On the 1st of March, 1894, Mr. Rhinehart was united in marriage to Miss Julia Florence Feehan, who was born in Onslow, Jones county, November 27, 1871, a daughter of John and Julia Feehan, who came to this county about 1852, making the journey with John Russell from Ohio. Mr. Feehan was a brother of Mrs. Margaret (Feehan) Russell, the wife of John Russell. Mrs. Rhinehart pursued her education in the schools of Anamosa and for a time engaged in teaching in the country schools. The household is a most hospitable one, and both Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart are numbered among the valued members of the Baptist church. Mr. Rhinehart belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M.; Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander, and El Kahir temple of the Mystic Shrine and the Eastern Star. He is likewise connected with Sumner Lodge, No. 92, K. P., of which he is a past chancellor, has been a member of the Pythian grand lodge and served on the committee on judiciary, which committee

recodified the grand statutes during the year 1909. He was reappointed on the committee for another year. Mr. Rhinehart is likewise connected with the Mystic Workers and with the Jones County Bar Association. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, and he has never wavered in his support thereof, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. Endowed by nature with strong intellectual force and developing his talents by the prompting of a laudable ambition, he is making steady progress in the profession which he has chosen as his life work.

ROBERT McNALLY.

Despite his advancing years Robert McNally is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Richland township, which for almost two score years has been the scene of his labors. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1835, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Farrell) McNally. The parents were both natives of Ireland, coming to America in 1833, shortly after their marriage. For two years they resided in Brooklyn and then removed to Maryland, where they lived for three years. In 1841 they came to Jones county, Iowa, settling in Washington township, where Mr. McNally "squatted" on a tract of land. When the land of this section of the state was put upon the market he secured it from the government through fulfilling the conditions prescribed for homesteaders and it remained his home for the rest of his life. On it he built a log cabin, that served to shelter him and his family from the weather until he was able to erect a more substantial and adequate dwelling. Forty-five years later, in 1886, when his death occurred, he had the satisfaction of contrasting the comforts which he then enjoyed with the hardships of those early years and felt a justifiable pride in the results of his years of labor. His wife, although she died a year before her husband, was also able to partake of the ease which added pleasure to the later years of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Robert, the subject of this sketch; one who died in infancy; Bernard and Frank, who have also passed away; Mary, who is the wife of James Linch, of Richland township; Anna, who has not married; J. T., of this county; and Norbertis, who is deceased.

Robert McNally was reared at home and attended the public schools to obtain what education they were able to give in the early years of the colonization of this county. He continued to remain with his parents even after he had reached his majority, until he was thirty-two years old, in fact, when he married and had the natural desire to establish a home of his own. Then he bought the farm on which he is living today. It embraces two hundred and twenty acres of good, arable land in Richland township, on which Mr. McNally carries on general farming. With a diligence that may well serve as an example to others he has tilled and improved his fields, until he has brought them to the point where they return a most generous harvest for his industry. This, indeed, has ever been the means of his success and has obtained for him an enviable position among the substantial agriculturists of his township.

At the age of thirty-two Mr. McNally wedded Miss Maria Kenny. She was a native of New York state, born May 1, 1840, but her parents, Michael Kenny and his wife, were of Irish birth. One of a family of six, through her marriage Mrs. McNally became the mother of eleven children: Jennie, who is the wife of Hilliar Souser, of Randolph, Nebraska; Anna, who married Theodore Maire and lives in Cascade, Iowa; Lettie, who is a nurse; Katie, who is the wife of Nic Fre-gen, of Dubuque, Iowa; Nellie, who married James Suple and lives in Cascade, Iowa; Agnes, who is the wife of J. Hayes, of Cascade; Thomas, who is at home; Bernard, Austin and Arthur, who are living in South Dakota; and Robert, who is now attending college in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. McNally died in 1907, and, having been a devout member of the Catholic church throughout her life, her death was attended with all the consolations of that religion. Mr. McNally also professes that creed, in which all of his children have been reared. Politically he has affiliated with the democratic party from the time he cast his first vote but has never sought office, although he served very efficiently for a number of years as a justice of the peace.

G. H. GEORGE.

George H. George, whose success as a farmer is representative of the agricultural prosperity of Lovell township, while as a stockman he is also prominent in his locality, was born on the farm which is now his home, April 6, 1856, and is a son of George and Anna (Faragher) George. The father was a native of England, while the mother was born on the Isle of Man, but in 1842 they came to the United States, locating in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where Mr. George bought forty acres of land. He had been there but a few years, however, when in 1850 the rumor of the discovery of gold in California reached him and he was inspired with the desire to go to the Pacific coast. He started overland with an ox-team and remained away three years. In the meantime, in 1850, his wife sold their Illinois farm and in company with a brother came to Jones county, Iowa, purchasing part of the place now occupied by her son G. H. At that time there were but two log cabins in the village of Monticello, while conditions of living were in keeping with that primitive kind of architecture. In 1853, when Mr. George returned from his western trip, he began the improvements on the farm his wife had purchased and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. It was with success, too, for as the years passed he was able to add to the original tract until at the time of his death, in 1883, he owned over seven hundred acres. In the meantime the conditions of the outdoor worker had been greatly ameliorated; the harsh conditions of the early years were but memories, the few loghouses had been replaced by numerous well built homes, barns and outhouses, while cultivated fields filled the stretches which were at that time covered with unturned sod and primitive forests. Mrs. George lived until 1896, so that she enjoyed the additional pleasure of seeing the prosperity of her son. Four children were born to the couple: William, deceased; Sarah, who is the wife of Frank Oltmann, of Rich-land township; James, deceased; and G. H., the subject of this sketch.

G. H. George was reared at home and in the county schools received a fair English education. When he reached his maturity he was put in charge of the parental farm, on which he had grown up, operating it even during the lifetime of his father. In addition to the cultivation of the soil he has engaged largely in the stock business, making a specialty of breeding shorthorn cattle. He is also raising Clydesdale draft horses and standard breed road horses, having in his stables today some noted stallions of this last class. The reputation he has made for himself as a skillful and careful man in his line extends beyond the confines of the township, although the success he has attained may perhaps be indicated more adequately by a citation of his landholdings. In Jones county he owns four hundred acres, while in Plymouth county, this state, he has six hundred and forty acres, besides having property in Marion county. He holds considerable stock in the State Bank of Monticello, one of the leading financial institutions of Iowa, and is one of the directors upon whom the stability of the concern rests. Surely his is a record of a life well spent in honest labor, of industry assisted by a careful husbanding of one's resources.

In 1877 Mr. George was united in marriage to Miss Anna Belle Wilson. She is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert and Catherine Wilson, who came to Jones county in the early years of its development. Six children have been born of this marriage: George, deceased; Robert Wilson, residing in Canada; Catherine Ethel, who is at home; and Raymond Henry, Thomas Irving and Iola Frances who are at home. The last is a graduate of the Monticello high school, while Miss Catherine finished the four years' course at the University of Wisconsin and is now engaged in teaching.

FRANK J. BRAINARD.

When Frank J. Brainard passed from this life on the 12th of March, 1902, Cass township lost one of its most valued and representative citizens, who for more than four decades was actively and helpfully identified with community affairs. Few men's lives are crowned with the honor and respect which were uniformly accorded him and few have enjoyed in so great a measure the love and confidence of their fellowmen. A life governed by the most honorable principles, Mr. Brainard never deviated from what he believed to be right between himself and his fellowmen and in much that he did was actuated by a public spirit that found manifestation in the tangible aid which he gave to the county of his adoption. His personal characteristics, his straightforward business career and his efficient public service have made his memory sacredly cherished since he was called from this life.

Mr. Brainard was born on the 24th of September, 1842, in Wyoming county, New York, on the old homestead farm located about one and a half miles east of the town of Gainsville. His parents were Stephen and Jemimah (Helmer) Brainard, also natives of Wyoming county, where their entire lives were passed. Their family consisted of six children, four sons and two daughters, but only one son now survives.



F. J. BRAINARD

Under the parental roof Frank J. Brainard was reared to manhood and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the district schools near his father's home, later attending an academy and high school. He supplemented his early training by a course of study in the academy at Pike, New York, and after completing his course in that institution engaged in teaching school for three terms, the summer months being devoted to farming in partnership with his father. In 1866, he sold his interest in the farm and came west to Iowa to visit friends living in Anamosa. He was so impressed with the excellent opportunities which this state offered along agricultural lines that he decided to take up his permanent abode here and consequently, in the spring of 1867, he purchased a farm of eighty acres in West Cass, for which he paid ten dollars per acre but sold in 1909 for one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents. He added another tract of forty acres to his original purchase and on that farm of one hundred and twenty acres he continued to make his home until 1876, when he sold out and purchased the farm upon which he was residing at the time of his demise and which is now operated by his son. It consists of two hundred and forty acres of land, located on section 9, which, under his careful management, was brought under a high state of cultivation, the farm becoming one of the best improved properties in the township. The place is equipped with two comfortable and attractive dwellings and has a large barn forty-eight by one hundred feet, while he also added all the modern conveniences and accessories used to facilitate farm labor. In addition to his general farming he made a specialty of raising cattle and hogs, and was a most successful, all around agriculturist, whose well directed labors were crowned with a most gratifying degree of prosperity.

On the 21st of October, 1866, in Gainsville, New York, Mr. Brainard was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Price, native of that town, born on the 15th of July, 1843. Her father had been twice married, Mrs. Brainard and two brothers being the children of the second union, while by his former marriage he became the father of six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brainard were born five children, namely: Fred A., of North Dakota; Grace May, who passed away when seven years old; Walter and Warren, twins, who died at the age of three months; and George, who resides upon and operates the home farm. The last named married Emma Pfiel, by whom he has two children, Geraldine and Carlton, while Fred, the eldest son, is also married, the lady of his choice being Miss Lizzie Crain. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Asa, Bertha, Chauncy, Dorothy, Ethel, Florence and Glenn.

Aside from the high rank which Mr. Brainard attained as an agriculturist, he also became a well known and influential factor in community affairs, although he never sought to figure prominently before the public. A life-long republican, he did all in his power to further the influence of that party in the community, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his genuine worth and ability, called him to various public offices. He was elected township trustee, in which office he served during the years 1886 and 1887, and was also chosen as assessor and justice of the peace. In 1899, further civic honors came to him in his election to the office of county supervisor, being a member of the board at the time of his demise and discharging the arduous and sometimes tedious duties of this office with exemplary diligence and fidelity. During his entire lifetime he had

been a faithful and regular attendant at church and Sabbath school, never being absent unless detained by illness. On the 6th of March, 1879, he became a member of the Cass Center Congregational church, and for nearly eighteen years served as deacon therein. In the Sunday school he was by turn scholar, Bible class teacher and superintendent, occupying the latter office for eight years. He was a stanch advocate of the cause of temperance, doing all in his power to extend its influence in the community, for he realized that the liquor traffic is one of the greatest evils against which the country has to contend. He remained throughout his life an earnest student, keeping in touch with modern thought and advancement, and was well known as a man of sterling integrity and well cultivated intelligence.

Two weeks prior to his demise Mr. Brainard was seized with a chill developed into grippe, and this, with a complication of heart trouble, proved to be his fatal illness. He passed away on the 12th of March, 1902, at the age of fifty-nine years, five months and sixteen days, his remains being interred in Cass Center cemetery. His death was a great shock to the members of his family, for he had ever been a most loving husband and father, while his loss was also sorely felt throughout the community, where he was known as a faithful and considerate neighbor and a man of kindly thought and spirit, generous and helpful in action, and at the same time his genial disposition made him the life of every social gathering. Just prior to his final illness he was engaged in a characteristic ministry, assisting to care for a sick neighbor. He realized as few men seem to do his obligations to his fellowmen and to the community in which he resided. He looked at life from a broad standpoint and the simple weight of his character and ability carried him into important relations with his fellowmen and won for him the unqualified regard and esteem of everyone with whom he came in contact.

WILLIAM R. ROBINSON.

William R. Robinson, one of the prosperous farmers of Greenfield township, is also one of the early settlers of Jones county and can relate many stirring tales of the bandits and Indians, whose bloody deeds imperiled the lives of the men and women brave enough to endure the hardships of the pioneer life. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, November 26, 1836, and was about four years of age when his parents, Asa and Hannah (Stratton) Robinson, in the vanguard of the early settlers, came to Fairview township, this county. For two years the family remained there and then removed to Cedar county, where William R. Robinson grew to manhood. It was in the period just preceding the Civil war that the cruelty of the Indians reached its highest pitch, and the family, together with the other inhabitants, resorted to a common camp at night for greater safety. Thieves and robbers, too, were at large and pillaged the little communities without fear of apprehension. One noteworthy instance was the murder of Mr. Gowdy of Linn Grove, whose life was held of no value as compared with the three hundred dollars the robbers knew he carried. In spite of the hardships and

the risk to life and property William Robinson and other children of the family grew up. He had two brothers, Charles, who had helped to build the first mill in Jones county and died in Shelby county, Iowa, at the age of sixty-six, and Herman, who died at the age of fifteen. There were also three sisters, Mrs. Lavina Comstock, Mrs. Rebecca Lindsay and Mrs. Eva Platner, all now deceased. Mr. Robinson also had three half-brothers: one who died in infancy; Jacob, who died in Colorado at the age of forty-five; and Alva, who resided in Cedar county to within a few years ago when he went to Garden City, Kansas, his present home; and five half-sisters: Mrs. Hannah Melton, deceased; Mrs. Amanda Franklin, who resides in Story county, Iowa; Mrs. Cynthia Ann Osborne, of the state of Washington; Isabelle, who lives in Hastings, Nebraska; and Mrs. Torre Cole, who lives in Hall county, Nebraska.

The fact that he was but sixteen years of age at the outbreak of the Civil war did not deter Mr. Robinson from offering his services in defense of his country. On the 10th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and took part in every engagement, about eighteen in all, and all the skirmishes in which his regiment shared. One of the most notable battles was that before Vicksburg, in which Grant and Sherman were his commanders, and Colonel Hill had the charge of the regiment. Though he was a little more than three years in the service, he received no wound and was never in the hospital and his bravery was unquestioned. About the 1st of September, 1865, Mr. Robinson was honorably discharged and returned to civil pursuits, taking up his residence in Greenfield township: In 1870 he married and settled upon what is now his homestead. It consists of two hundred and sixty acres, and through his efforts and toil has been placed under a fine state of cultivation and exhibits many improvements which are the result of his progressive ideas. He also owns thirty-one acres of timber land.

On the 10th of March, 1870, Mr. Robinson wedded Miss Lizetta Piper. She was born September 28, 1850, near Fort Wayne, Indiana, a daughter of William and Minnie (Reese) Piper. The other children—four sons and four daughters that were born to her parents were: Henry, of Lisbon, Iowa; William, of Rome township, Jones county; Lewis, also of Rome township; Augustus, of Mechanicsville, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Jackson, also of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Johanna Kohl, of Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Elvina Floyd, of Lisbon; and Mrs. Augusta Krohm, of Springville, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born eleven children, seven daughters and four sons: Frank Walter, of Greenfield township; Mrs. Anna Maley, of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Alice Viola Mershon, of Sac City, Iowa; Lewis F., deceased; William, who lives at home; Mrs. Ida May Miller, of Morley, Iowa; Asa, of Greenfield township, this county; Mrs. Bertha Vanderbilt, of Greenfield township; Mrs. Bessie Fisher, of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Minnie S. Parks, who is living in Cedar county, Iowa; and Ishmael Murfield, of Grandfield, South Dakota. This large family was reared in the most harmonious home surroundings and in the faith of the United Brethren church. By their own efforts have Mr. and Mrs. Robinson attained to their present position of comfort. Hardships they have both known, especially Mr. Robinson from his boyhood's days, when nature seemed to conspire against man, as in 1860, when the great Comanche cyclone swept the country and destroyed his home and when man knew

no limit to greed and debauchery. In the changed condition of the times, these things have been all but forgotten and the man that survived them can only be grateful that the severity of those days taught the lessons that made possible the advance of today. In his political sympathies Mr. Robinson is a republican.

A. A. COLE.

A. A. Cole, proprietor and publisher of the Olin Recorder, is a man of wide experience and broad-gauged knowledge and is eminently fitted to shape the opinion of his locality through the medium of his paper. He was born on a farm at Nigger Point, afterward Pleasant Hill, Hale township, January 21, 1859, a son of John and Rebecca Cole. When he was but eighteen Mr. Cole, who had been attending the district school, began teaching in his home district and succeeded remarkably well, continuing there for several terms. When Professor C. L. Porter began agitating the matter of a college at Olin, Mr. Cole organized a summer school for him at Pleasant Hill in 1876, after which he with others assisted Professor Porter in carrying out his plans, and the college became an accomplished fact in September, 1878, and the following spring it was incorporated. Mr. Cole was one of the first pupils and graduated from the new college in the class of 1880.

Following this he had a varied experience, for the young man was ambitious and endeavored to find the work for which he was best suited. In the fall of 1882, he located in Olin, where he purchased a furniture store and conducted it for several years. In the meanwhile he studied law, and in October, 1900, he passed the examination before the supreme court of Iowa and was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been in active practice. His inclinations, however, had always led him toward newspaper work and in 1896 he formed a partnership with his youngest brother, John L. Cole, and they bought the Olin Recorder. This association continued until February 28, 1907, when the junior member retired, and A. A. Cole has since continued alone, owning the printing plant and the building in which it is located, and acting as editor. Mr. Cole is a fearless writer and never hesitates to take a decided stand upon public matters, and his paper is regarded as an authority upon all subjects which he discusses.

On September 23, 1883, Mr. Cole married Miss Nancy Elizabeth Coleman and they have had seven children as follows: Raymond, who married Grace Switzer, lives in Olin and is foreman of his father's printing office; Clarence C. who married Hallie Clancey, lives at Coggon, Iowa, and is editor and proprietor of the Coggon Monitor; Glen F., Letha M., Ruth M., Esther M. and Frances L. are at home. Clarence C. has a school record of which his parents are very proud as he entered the Olin school when five years old and completed the entire course in twelve years without being absent or tardy.

Mr. Cole has often been called upon to represent the republican party in town and township offices and for fifteen years he has served faithfully on the school board of the independent school district of Olin, and his experience as an educator has been of considerable benefit to his people. In 1900 he joined the United

Brethren church of Olin and was made superintendent of the Sunday school and with the exception of two years has given the church his services in this capacity ever since. Prominent in so many other ways, Mr. Cole also takes an interest in fraternal matters and is a member of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., of which he is secretary; also Meridian Lodge, No. 245, Knights of Pythias, of which he is chancellor commander, Big Wood Camp, No. 526, M. W. A. of which he is venerable consul; Olin Company, No. 9, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, of which he is captain; Hyacinth Temple, No. 72, Pythian Sisters, all of Olin; and of Ben De Meer Temple, No. 12, D. O. K. K. of Maquoketa. In legal circles, in newspaper work, socially, fraternally and in his church Mr. Cole easily dominates by reason of his personality and energy, and he is extremely popular, winning and retaining friends everywhere, so that there are few men of Jones county who are more widely known or who are better liked than he.

GEORGE ROGERS.

George Rogers, a successful representative of the agricultural and stock-raising interests of Jones county, is the owner of an excellent farm of four hundred and twenty acres in Richland township. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 25th of October, 1854, his parents being Peter and Catherine (Moonen) Rogers, both natives of Ireland. In 1849 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up their abode in Dubuque county, Iowa, where the father was engaged in mining. In 1856 he came to Jones county, purchasing a portion of the farm which is now in possession of his son George. He made his home thereon throughout the remainder of his life, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with gratifying results. His demise occurred in 1880 and his wife, surviving him but four years, was called to her final rest in 1884. They were the parents of five children, namely: Patrick, a resident of Jones county; Michael, who is deceased; George, of this review; Catherine, who lives with her brother George; and Jane, who has likewise passed away.

George Rogers spent his youthful days under the parental roof, attending the common schools in pursuit of an education that would equip him for the practical and responsible duties of life. When twenty-one years of age he took charge of the old home farm, operating the same until his father's death, at which time it came into his possession. He is now the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land in Richland township, this county, and also has a tract of three hundred and twenty acres in Cedar county, Nebraska. In addition to the production of cereals he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. His industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and has been the measure of his success.

In 1905 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Rosanna Troye, a native of Austria, who came to this country in the year 1902. They now have three children: Joseph Peter, Catherine B. and Mary G.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Rogers has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democracy. His fellow townsmen have honored him by election to various positions of public trust and he has acted as township trustee and supervisor, while for about a quarter of a century he has served as school treasurer. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, of which his wife is also a communicant. He has now made his home in this county for more than a half century and his life, ever upright and honorable, has gained for him the warm esteem and unqualified confidence of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

JOHN J. MERRITT.

John J. Merritt, one of the venerable citizens of Hale, Iowa, who is now living retired after a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits, was born December 4, 1833, near Lockport, New York, a son of John and Katharine (Culp) Merritt. His father was also born in New York state in 1806, and there he married Katharine Culp, also a native of New York, who was born in 1800. In 1837 he came to Jones county, Iowa, locating a claim northwest of Olin, in what is now known as Rome township, and is supposed to have been the first white man to reach a point that far west in 1837, although many settlers came during the following year. This was before the county or state had been organized and the district was then known as the Black Hawk Purchase, later Wisconsin Territory. Returning to New York, Mr. Merritt brought his family by boat from Pittsburg down the Ohio river to the Mississippi, and up the latter river to where Clinton, Iowa, is now located, and here the family resided for one year on account of wild condition of the country around the new claim and the numerous Indians in the locality. This was a hard year for the little party of pioneers, whose meat consisted of deer and wild duck, while the meal for their bread was pounded corn. Milk was churned in a jug, and in all things the most primitive conditions prevailed. In 1838, the family located on the claim, which originally consisted of five hundred acres, a part of which was given to a neighbor some time later. The nearest trading points at this time were Dubuque and Davenport, each about fifty miles away, and no postoffice was located in the district until 1842. John Merritt spent his whole life in farming and here died December 1, 1886, his wife having passed away in 1855. They had a family of seven children, namely: Horatio Nelson, who lives in Washington; Agnes, who was the wife of Mathias Houseman and who died three years ago; Joseph, who is a resident of Black Hills; John J.; William, who lives in Washington; Dollie, who married John Lyons and who is now deceased; and Cornelius, who resides in Newport, Iowa.

John J. Merritt received a limited education in a log schoolhouse situated two miles from his home, but he has since improved his every opportunity for learning, and is an excellent conversationalist and takes pleasure in relating incidents of the strenuous days of early Iowa. He followed farming throughout his



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MR. AND MRS. JOHN J. MERRITT

active life, owning four hundred acres of fine land in Rome township, one-half of which, however, he has disposed of. In 1897, he retired from active work and moved to his residence in the village of Hale, where he has since lived. He still supervises the work on his farm, however, which is located on sections 2 and 3, Rome township, and is devoted to the growing of grain and the raising of high-grade stock.

On June 5, 1856, Mr. Merritt was married to Rebecca Blainey, who was born July 25, 1839, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and died May 30, 1905. Unto them were born eight children, as follows: J. B., who resides in Webster City; Miranda, who died aged thirty-two years; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Walston, of Olin; Gus, who lives in Nebraska; Augusta, who was the twin of Gus, and who died when thirteen years of age; D. Carl, who lives in Olin; Irving, who lives in Cedar Rapids; and W. Dell, on our subject's farm in Rome township.

Mr. Merritt has been a stanch republican all his life, his first presidential vote having been cast for John C. Fremont, and he has been active in his party's success in this section, serving in numerous township offices. Fraternally he is connected with Olin Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M.

W. HOWARD NORRIS.

W. Howard Norris, a representative farmer of Scotch Grove township, was born in Maryland, February 8, 1869. His parents were George R. and Eliza (White) Norris, both descendants of families who had for generations been identified with the affairs of that state. It was their birthplace, as well as that of their son, and remained their home until 1822. In March of that year Mr. Norris moved his family to Jones county, Iowa, locating in Scotch Grove township, where he resided, with the exception of two years, until his death. His life was brought to a close in 1892, but Mrs. Norris is still living, making her home with her son Arthur in that township.

W. Howard Norris was reared at home and obtained his education in the district schools. After the death of his father, he and his brother Arthur continued to farm the home place until 1902, when Howard Norris came to live upon the land which is now the scene of his operations. In 1901 he had purchased one hundred and four acres, with the farm buildings thereon, of the old William McIntyre place, and in the winter of that year he bought an additional fifty-six acres, so that he might have a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he removed in the spring of 1902. In 1904 he purchased an adjoining eighty acres, so that he now owns two hundred and forty acres in one body. Although this constitutes his landholdings at the present, in 1899 he bought the Finley Lewis farm, near Onslow, Scotch Grove township, embracing one hundred and twenty acres. He never located on that place, however, but, after renting it for several years, disposed of it in 1904 at a handsome profit. Mr. Norris has devoted himself largely to diversified farming but he has every year engaged more extensively in the stock business. A careful husbandman, industrious and ambitious to ob-

tain the best results possible for his investment of time and labor, he has risen to an enviable position among the agriculturists here. Open, honest and upright, his life has won the respect of all who have come in contact with him.

In May, 1901, Mr. Norris wedded Miss Augusta Scheer, of Wayne township, a daughter of Christ Scheer, one of the leading farmers of that township. Of this marriage have been born three children: Alice Rosa, Edna Margaret and Lucille Esther. Mr. Norris has ever given staunch support to the republican party, as he places the utmost confidence in its platform, but has taken no part in the local public affairs. His wife is a devout member of the Lutheran church, and although he does not give allegiance to any religious body the principles by which he orders his life are those encouraged by all Christian faiths.

JOHN HENRY DIRKS.

John Henry Dirks, whose agricultural success has added to the fair name of Jones county and of Scotch Grove township in particular as one of the prosperous sections of the state, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 18, 1850, a son of Dirk and Maria (Jacobs) Dirks. They followed their son to this country in 1880 but after about four years sojourn here returned to their native land. There in 1887 the mother died and in the summer of the same year the father came again to the United States, making his home with his children. His death occurred June 15, 1898.

At home, under the wise guidance of his parents, John Henry Dirks received the practical education which supplemented the training he obtained in the public schools of his native land. In 1870, when he was about twenty years of age, he decided to come to the United States to make his fortune. After landing upon our shores he came to Jones county, Iowa, where he worked for four years in the employ of Peter Schwartz. At the end of that time, as the latter wished to take a trip to Germany, Mr. Dirks rented his place and began farming on his own account. For sixteen years he prosecuted his labors as a tenant in different sections of the township and then, in 1888, bought at the sheriff's sale the place which had belonged to Hugh McClain. It embraced one hundred and twenty acres, lying on section 31, Scotch Grove township. For the first two years of his possession, however, Mr. Dirks rented it to the son of Mr. McClain, not taking up his own residence upon it until 1890. Since that time it has been his home continuously. In 1891 he purchased forty acres adjoining his place, so that his present farm has a total area of one hundred and sixty acres. In 1902 he purchased another tract of land of eighty acres in Wayne township, which he operates in conjunction with that on which he lives. This large acreage may well be contrasted with the three dollars which was the extent of his possessions when Mr. Dirks entered this country. His landholdings and the success he has won from his cultivation of the soil make him now one of the substantial farmers of this county.

On the 25th of June, 1886, Mr. Dirks was united in marriage to Miss Mary Otten, of Scotch Grove township. She is a native of Hanover, Germany, and

came to this country in 1885. Nine children have been born to the couple: Mary, Anna, Dirk, Grace, Otto, Henry, Frederick, Herman and William. They are all at home. The family are members of the German Lutheran church, in harmony with whose teachings they order their lives, while politically Mr. Dirks has given his support to the republican party, for he feels that he has seen repeated demonstration of the value of its principles of government.

MARSHALL W. HERRICK.

During the two score years and more that Marshall W. Herrick has practiced his profession, that of the law, in the town of Monticello, he has so closely identified himself with the best interests of the community that his fellow citizens have several times chosen him for positions in which reliance was placed upon his judgment and discrimination. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 15, 1844, his parents being John and Emeline (Higganbotham) Herrick. The former was a native of New York, where he was born in 1818, while the latter was one of the daughters of Virginia, her birth occurring in the same year as that of the man she afterward married. The father followed farming through the years of his activity and died in Monticello at the age of seventy-seven. The mother also passed away in the same town, although she lived to be eighty years of age.

Marshall W. Herrick was reared at home and was but six years of age when in 1850 his parents left their Indiana home and removed to a farm in the vicinity of Madison, Wisconsin. In 1856 they became residents of the town of Burnett in Dodge county, Wisconsin, which remained his home until after the completion of his education, when he came to Monticello. After attending the public schools he entered Wayland University at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, taking up the reading of law during his last year at that institution. In 1866 he entered the law school at Albany, New York, and after graduating therefrom in 1867, was admitted to practice in the court of appeals in New York. He returned then to his family in Wisconsin, being admitted to the courts of that state, and to those of the state of Iowa when, in 1868, he took up his residence in Monticello. He is also licensed to practice in the United States district and circuit courts and in the court of appeals. His energy and his efficiency in handling cases intrusted to him won for him the election as county attorney of Jones county, a position he held from September, 1895, to January 1, 1901, and the disinterested part he had ever played in the affairs of the town of Monticello secured for him the loyal support of its citizens when he was the candidate for mayor. His freedom from partiality, his broad views and well balanced intellect on the other hand, made him a valuable addition to the school board of the city and to the library board, while his success in his profession has won recognition among his fellow practitioners through election to the presidency of the Jones County Bar Association, a chair he has held for several years past.

On the 13th of September, 1870, at Monticello, Mr. Herrick wedded Miss Mary C. Chamberlin, a native of New York. Two children have been born to

them: Mrs. Mabel Grace Hall, of Monticello; and Mrs. Frances Marion Bates, of Stanford, South Dakota. Politically Mr. Herrick has always affiliated with the republican party, while with his open-mindedness and independence of judgment he finds in the beliefs of the Christian Science church the religious tenets that please him and he is connected with that denomination in Monticello. Since 1869 he has been a Master Mason, being a member of Burns Lodge, No. 173, A. F. & A. M.

THOMAS McGOVERN.

One of the larger farmers of Richland township, who has taken some part in local affairs, is Thomas McGovern, who was born in Washington township, this county. He is the son of William and Jane (Heery) McGovern, both natives of Ireland where the father's birth occurred in 1825 and the mother's in 1819. In 1837 they came to the United States, separately, and sixteen years later were married in New York. The following year, that of 1854, they came to Jones county, Iowa, where for a short time they rented land, later buying the farm in Richland township, on which their son Thomas now lives. Although they came after the first band of men and women had braved the hardships of pioneer life, there was yet much to be done before their property could be brought to the state of cultivation it showed after they had lived here nearly half a century, for Mr. McGovern lived until 1900 and his wife six years longer. Of the eight children born of their union, two now survive: William, a farmer of Richland township; and Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

Thomas McGovern received a fair education in the common schools of this county, and, being reared at home, he obtained a thorough and practical training for the work of life. He remained with his parents until their death, assuming the heavier cares of the cultivation of the farm when his father's advancing years made active work impossible. Upon the death of the latter he bought the interests of the other heirs and has continued to make his boyhood's home the scene of his mature labors. He has added to the original tract, however, as success has crowned his efforts, and now owns five hundred and seventy-seven acres of good, arable land in Richland township. In connection with general farming Mr. McGovern has made a specialty of feeding stock for the market, finding that a most profitable adjunct to his other interests. The success which he now enjoys has not been a thing of chance but the well deserved reward for years of conscientious toil, bringing with it a satisfaction that comes from the work of one's own hands and not through the misfortune of another.

In 1891 Mr. McGovern was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Dolphin. She was born in this county in 1857 and is a daughter of James and Mary (Gogen) Dolphin, the latter a resident of Cascade, Iowa, and seventy-six years of age. Mr. Dolphin, however, has passed away. Three children were born to Mr. McGovern and his wife: Mazie, Valinda and George. Mrs. McGovern died January 12, 1909, in the faith of the Catholic church, in which she has been reared and of which she was a devout member during her lifetime.

Mr. McGovern is also a member of that church, while politically he is in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party. For a period of sixteen years he was clerk of his township, and later, since he has taken an increased interest in the educational opportunities here, he has been secretary of the school board.

WILLIAM ALBIN STINGLEY.

William Albin Stingley, the section foreman of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Center Junction, which position he has occupied continuously for twenty-six years, is one of Madison township's most representative and highly esteemed citizens. A native of Indiana, he was born in Henry county on the 30th of March, 1849, a son of Andrew and Lucinda (Ireland) Stingley. The mother was born in Ohio while the father was probably born in Pennsylvania, his parents having come of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. In the course of time, however, both the Stingley and the Ireland families removed to Henry county, Indiana, where the parents of our subject were united in marriage, and in 1849 they came west to Jones county, Iowa, locating about four miles north of Mechanicsville, in Rome township, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. In 1853 the father was accidentally shot by a friend while deer hunting and later the mother was married to Alexander Long. He, too, met an unnatural death, having been caught in a blizzard while in Cerro Gordo county in company with another party, at which time he was frozen to death. The mother was again married, her third union being with Collins McClafflin. She was a member of the Christian church, and in the faith of that denomination she passed away on the 27th of August, 1902, at the age of seventy-four years.

William Albin Stingley spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native state and was but four years of age at the time of the death of his father. Owing to the limited means of his widowed mother it was necessary for him at a very early age to assist in the support of the family, and the educational advantages which he enjoyed therefore, were very meager, for he laid aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years. He remained under the parental roof, giving his mother the benefit of his aid, until sixteen years of age, when he left home and started out to earn his own livelihood in the business world. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits as a farm hand for about nine years, at the end of which time, through hard labor and careful saving of his earnings, he had accumulated sufficient means with which to engage in farming on his own account. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Estella Preston, a daughter of H. C. Preston, of Madison township, Jones county, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

After his marriage Mr. Stingley operated the farm of his father-in-law for about five years, and in 1882 withdrew from agricultural life and removed to Center Junction, where he became identified with the railroad business. With the exception of the first fifteen months he has held the position of section foreman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at this place continuously

for the ensuing twenty-six years, a fact which stands in incontrovertible evidence of his efficiency, promptness and faithfulness. Energetic, industrious and trustworthy at all times, he has succeeded in making himself indispensable to the company and today is one of their most trusted and valued employes at this place.

As the years have come and gone the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stingley has been blessed with nine children, eight of whom still survive, namely: Bertha, the wife of William Spohn, of Center Junction; Maud, who married J. E. Duncan and also resides in Center Junction; William A., operator for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Norton, Kansas; Earl H., station agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Center Junction; Harry, residing at home; Alma, now deceased; and Roscoe, Olive and Helen, all still under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Stingley are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees and is also class leader. He is likewise serving as a member of the board of trustees of the cemetery. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while politically he gives stalwart support to the republican party. For four years he served as town assessor and was town clerk for six years, while he is now serving efficiently as the secretary of the Center Junction high school. Although his educational advantages were very limited, nevertheless he is a well informed man, having always been a broad reader, keeping in touch with all matters of general interest and public moment. He is loyal and public-spirited in his citizenship, an unassuming, pleasant and companionable gentleman, standing among the first for integrity of purpose and general high character in the community where he has so long resided.

JAMES M. D. JOSLIN, M. D

Dr. James M. D. Joslin is one of the oldest among the native sons of Anamosa and Jones county and is a representative of one of the most honored pioneer families. His birth occurred June 1, 1848, in the old family home which still stands near his present place of residence. His parents were Dr. Clark and Elizabeth (Hale) Joslin, natives of Ohio and New York, respectively. The paternal grandfather, John G. Joslin, was a soldier of the War of 1812 and aided in building forts under the direction of General William Henry Harrison. He lived to be seventy-four years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Candace (Wolcott) Joslin, reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

During the gold expedition to the Pacific coast John G. Joslin with two of his sons made the trip to California with ox-teams over the old Fremont trail. While en route he decided to make a little side trip, telling his sons he would meet them at Webber river. But he became lost and for three days and nights wandered over the mountains. The sons started out in search of him and just as they were about to give up the hunt they found him. He had wandered thirty miles back over the mountains and had been without water or food save a sage hen which he



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First Physician in Jones County

had killed. He was almost exhausted when they reached him, being so weak that it was necessary for the sons to carry him on their backs a distance of thirty miles. It was just an accident that they found him. At another time he left his sons and started off up the mountain. He soon succeeded in killing a deer but after he had fired his shot was surprised to see something bob up in the grass and discovered that Indians were trying to cut him off from camp which he succeeded in reaching, however, by creeping through the deep grass so that he could not be seen by the redmen. On reaching California the party located on the American river where they engaged in placer mining with good success for the year, one day washing out twenty-eight dollars in free gold. But the father became ill with scurvy and was obliged to return home, the trip being made by way of the Isthmus of Panama and up the Mississippi river to Davenport. Two of his sons were soldiers of the Civil war—Harrison and Daniel Joslin, both of whom died while in the service, while another uncle of our subject, Phineas Baker, also passed away while defending the interests of the Union.

The maternal grandfather, Philip Hale, was of German descent and died when about seventy years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Polly Hale, was also about the same age at the time of her demise. It will thus be seen that Dr. Joslin comes from a long-lived ancestry in both the paternal and maternal lines.

Dr. Clark Joslin, the father of our subject, was born at Bricksville, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, about thirty miles south of Cleveland, and when a boy assisted in clearing two farms on the river bottoms in Ohio, these being covered with heavy chestnut timber. He afterward assisted in clearing two farms in Michigan before coming to Iowa. His father plowed around four sections of land in this state, which he thus secured as a claim, but afterward gave away some of it. Dr. Joslin, at one time, owned twenty-eight hundred acres of land in this state, of which ten hundred and fifty acres were in one tract. During the war he sold off much of the land for taxes were very high, it requiring about eighty acres to pay the taxes each year. He arrived in Fairview township, Jones county, Iowa, in 1837. He had been married in Michigan some years before and his wife died in that state while Dr. Joslin was in Iowa. They had one child, Mary L., who became the wife of C. H. Bingham, a resident of Clinton, Iowa. Their children are: Alfred, Fred, Charles, Frank and Bertha. For his second wife Dr. Joslin chose Miss Elizabeth Hale, whom he wedded in January, 1842. William Cullen Joslin, the eldest child of that marriage, wedded Mary Caffrey, who died in 1881. Their children were James C., Mamie and Edna, who died in infancy. For his second wife William Cullen Joslin chose Emma Chismann, of Cedar county, Iowa, and they have one child, William. The residence of William C. Joslin was in Cass township, Jones county, and he died in 1906. Mary Ann, the second of the family, is the deceased wife of David Ellis, who resided for a time in Jackson county, Iowa, while later he lived in Bismarck, North Dakota, and afterward in Sioux City, Iowa. Their children were: Charles C., Ed. E., Emma E., and Curtis. The mother, Mrs. Mary A. Ellis, passed away about 1902. Dr. James M. D. Joslin was the next of the family. Two of the children died in infancy.

Dr. Clark Joslin was the first physician of Jones county and his practice extended over a radius of fifty miles. He made professional calls within seven

miles of Davenport, treating five cases of typhoid within a short distance of that city. He made all of his trips on horseback and was a very familiar figure in this part of the state in pioneer times. He had a remarkable record as a hunter, killing many deer and other large game. On one occasion he killed a deer within eighty rods of the present site of the depot at Anamosa. On first coming to the county, he located in the little town of Fairview but later established his home in the county seat. In pioneer times he suffered from exposure and hardships incident to the long rides across the wild prairies but he was a skillful physician and never hesitated to respond to a call for his professional service when needed. At one time nearly the entire population of the district were ill with bilious fever. He made his way to Dubuque and Muscatine for needed medicines and on one occasion led a cow to Dubuque, selling her for six dollars. He invested this money in quinine, which then sold for nine dollars per ounce, so that it took the price of a cow and a half to buy a single ounce of the medicine. Dr. Joslin, however, was a botanist with much knowledge of plants and therefore in his practice used many herbs in the treatment of the sick. As the country gradually settled up, however, he found he could secure drugs and other remedial agencies with which to minister to his patients and thus modern practice took the place of the old methods of bleeding and purging. He had commenced the study of medicine in Michigan, where he practiced for about three years before coming to Iowa and in this state was in continuous practice from 1837 until 1899, or for nearly sixty-two years. He had followed the Thomsonian method but later took up the methods of practice known to the regular or allopathic school. He assisted in treating cases of cholera as early as 1832 and thus his entire life was given to a work which proved of the greatest benefit to his fellowmen.

Dr. James M. D. Joslin, whose name introduces this review, was reared on the old family homestead amid the environment of pioneer life in Jones county. One of the incidents of his youth which he well remembers is that in the early '50s, when his father and grandfather went into the bottom lands toward Independence on a hunting trip. They were gone three days and killed twenty-two deer, so that they were enabled to enjoy smoked venison for sometime. His youthful days were spent under the parental roof and his early education was acquired in the public schools. He afterward took up the study of medicine and is a graduate of the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Keokuk. In the spring of 1875 he commenced practice in association with his father. He has now been a representative of the medical fraternity here for thirty-four years and throughout the entire period his conscientious performance of duty, his capability and the steady progress which he has made along professional lines by reason of his research and investigation have made him one of the most successful physicians of the county, giving to him an extensive patronage.

In 1877 Dr. Joslin was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Sweeny, a daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Young) Sweeny, natives of Ireland and New York, respectively. At an early date they became residents of Elgin, Illinois, and subsequently removed to Lansing, Iowa, in 1855, there continuing to make their home until called to their final rest. Dr. and Mrs. Joslin have one son, Clark Eccless, an electrical engineer, who is now manager of the Jones

county Telephone Company. He wedded Estelle Irene Plourde, a daughter of Fred Plourde and a native of Wisconsin. They have one child, Irene Lenore. They were married in Platteville, Wisconsin, where Mr. Joslin was employed by an electrical company. He was born on the 4th of March, 1879, and acquired his literary education in the public schools and afterward pursued his course in electrical engineering at Ames, Iowa.

As the years have gone by Dr. Joslin has prospered and is not only enjoying a large practice at the present time but also has an excellent income from valuable farming property. He owns one hundred and forty acres of land on section 32, Cass township, and one hundred and fifty acres on section 4, Fairview township. He also owns a stone quarry, which is operated by James Lawrence, and some town property including two houses and lots. Dr. Joslin is well known as a representative member of the Odd Fellows society. He belongs to the lodge in which he has held all the different offices and he has also taken the military degrees of the order. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he served as pension examining surgeon under President Cleveland. For fourteen years he was city alderman and was elected county coroner but resigned that office. His life has ever been a busy and useful one, crowned with honor and respect, and he is a most worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of this part of the state.

JOSEPH F. FRITSCH.

Joseph F. Fritsch, the leading photographer of Anamosa, is a native of Zauchtel, Austria, his parents being Fred and Anna (Simper) Fritsch, who were likewise born in that locality. The father was reared in his native country and there learned the machinist's trade. In 1893 with his family he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Garner, Iowa, where he followed his trade until 1897 and he has since been successfully engaged in business as a photographer.

Joseph F. Fritsch obtained his education in the public schools at Garner and after putting aside his text-books devoted himself to the mastery of the art of photography, which profession he had determined to make his life work. He studied under such prominent photographers as Jacob Schaeffer, of Chicago, C. G. Stearns of Minneapolis and W. B. Wright of Mason City, Iowa. In 1906 he opened his first studio at Mason City, where he remained for three years, then he came to Anamosa and purchased the studio of D. E. Cook, which he has conducted since the 15th of April, 1909. In 1907, at the convention of the Photographer's Association of Iowa, he won first honors among about fifty competitors and was presented with a beautiful bronze vase eighteen inches high. This trophy is on exhibition in his studio at Anamosa and he prizes it very highly. He recognizes the value of light and shade and of contrast, employs the latest improved processes and in his business has gained a measure of success that is most gratifying.

Mr. Fritsch exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Photographer's Association of Iowa and of the Photographer's Association of America.

GEORGE LAFAYETTE LOVELL.

Few positions in the world of affairs and business demand a greater executive capacity, a keener acumen in commercial matters and a healthy union of conservatism and progress than does that of president of a banking institution. These are the qualities possessed in high degree by George Lafayette Lovell, who, for more than three decades, has been connected with the financial interests of Monticello and for more than a third of that time has been the president of the Lovell State Bank.

He was born in Climax, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, March 20, 1856, and is a son of Dr. Lafayette W. and Catharine (Eldred) Lovell, who as children had gone to Michigan in the second quarter of the past century. The father was a native of Windham county, Vermont, and was descended from English and Welsh ancestors who were early settlers of New England, some of them being prominent in the affairs of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Their descendants have in turn followed the course of the history of this country, each playing his part in the life about him. In 1835, Dr. Lafayette W. Lovell came west with his parents, who located in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where he grew to manhood and established himself as a physician. Besides achieving distinction in his profession he became prominent in county and state affairs, in which his influence was felt until his death, in 1896. His wife, Miss Catharine Eldred in her maidenhood, was a native of Otsego county, New York and a daughter of Judge Caleb Eldred, who had gone to Kalamazoo county, Michigan, in 1832. The young people were united in marriage in 1848, together passing down life's highway until 1892, when Mrs. Lovell was called to her final rest.

George Lafayette Lovell was reared under the parental roof, obtaining his early education in the village schools of Climax, Michigan. Their course of instruction completed, he was enrolled as a student in Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, and after spending two years there he went to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, at which he remained from 1873 to 1875. The winter of 1875-76 he devoted to study at Parsons Business College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, completing the prescribed course. He came to Monticello, Iowa, in March, 1876, and for the next few months acted as bookkeeper in the bank here and that in Strawberry Point. Early in 1878 he entered into partnership with G. W. Lovell, an uncle, under the firm name of G. W. & G. L. Lovell, and the two conducted a profitable banking business here for nineteen years, until 1897, when the death of the older man compelled a reorganization of the concern. It was then incorporated under the state laws as the Lovell State Bank and Mr. Lovell has since acted as its president. The sound financial policy which has characterized

its existence, the stability of the investments in which its funds have been placed and its general safety as a repository for the moneys of others, these and many other things have won for it the confidence of the citizens and for its owner the highest respect.

On the 19th of December, 1878, in Olivet, Michigan, Mr. Lovell was joined in wedlock to Miss Fredrika M. Green, a native of Lancaster, Erie county, New York. Three children were born of the union: Grace, who is the wife of George L. Schoonover, of Anamosa, Iowa; Lafayette W., who married Miss Lisle M. Richardson; and Catharine E. One of the pioneer bankers of the town, Mr. Lovell has added to that distinction the fact that his career has ever been marked by a high conception of honor and integrity.

HENRY HENRICHS.

Henry Henrichs, who throughout the period of his residence in Scotch Grove township was recognized as one of its honored, respected and valued citizens, claimed Germany as the country of his nativity, his birth occurring in Oldenburg on the 27th of November, 1859. There he was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools, and when twenty-three years of age decided to come to the new world, which, he had heard, offered excellent opportunities for advancement along business lines. Consequently in 1882 he left his home and friends and sailed for America, coming direct to Scotch Grove township, Jones county. Here he worked as a farm hand for George Bohlken until 1883, when he returned to the fatherland and remained with his parents until the following year. Once more crossing the Atlantic he again made his way to Scotch Grove township, where for a period of two years he was engaged as a farm hand, working by the month.

On the 4th of March, 1886, Mr. Henrichs was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Meinen, a native of Wayne township, Jones county, and after their marriage they began their domestic life upon a farm of one hundred acres in Scotch Grove township, which had come to his wife by inheritance. They resided upon that farm about six years and removed to an adjoining farm of seventy acres which Mr. Henrichs had purchased in the meantime. In 1898 they took up their abode upon the present home farm where he spent the remaining days of his life and upon which his widow still resides. He engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also made a specialty of the dairy business, keeping on hand from twenty to twenty-five cows for that purpose. Systematic and methodical in the conduct of his affairs, a combination of these stalwart German characteristics with the more American spirit of enterprise and progress insured him a most gratifying measure of success which placed him among the substantial and representative citizens of the township. At the time of his death he and his wife owned jointly two hundred and ninety acres of land.

With the passing of the years Mr. and Mrs. Henrichs became the parents of six children, Charles, Nellie, William, Emma, Mabel and Lillie, all of whom are still at home. He was a member, as is his wife, of the Evangelical Lutheran

church and was a man of many sterling traits of character, whose entire career measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood. Independent in politics, he reserved the right of casting his vote for the men and measures which in his opinion were best adapted to conserve public welfare regardless of party ties. He served efficiently for several years as a member of the school board and his influence was ever upon the side of material, intellectual and moral development. He passed from this life on the 21st of March, 1909, and his death was mourned by a large number of friends who had come to respect and honor him for his genuine worth of character. His wife still resides upon the home farm and is a very capable woman, conducting her affairs in a most careful and businesslike manner. Kindly in spirit and pleasing in disposition, she is popular with a large number of warm friends throughout the community, who know her for an excellent neighbor and a true and loyal friend.

L. and L. F. ZELLER.

Nothing is more indicative of the material prosperity of a city or town than the character of the banking institutions which are supported there. Upon these depends the development of all other interests; their standing more than anything else influences keen business men in establishing industries in their vicinity. In consequence, judging from this attitude of the world at large, it would seem that the great progress which Oxford Junction has made in the last twenty years, has been due in no small measure to the enterprise, the fidelity and the banking policies of L. and L. F. Zeller, father and son, who are the owners of the Citizens Exchange Bank. It was organized first in 1889, but as its business increased to large proportions its capital was accordingly increased to fifty thousand dollars and an individual responsibility to over one hundred thousand dollars.

L. Zeller, who was the first to see the need and opportunity for a bank in Oxford Junction, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1839. At the age of thirteen he came to America, taking up his residence in Trenton, New Jersey, where he lived until 1859. In that year he started for Iowa. After about one year spent in Keokuk, he came to Jones county, locating upon a farm which was then known as the Stafford place and is now owned by his sister. In 1875, he disposed of his land and moved to Oxford Junction, which was but a village in those days, being a very new town, for the Sabula & Ackerley and the Davenport & St. Paul railroads had only been laid about four years before. Deciding to go into business he accordingly built a store, which afterward was changed to the Arlen House, and placed on sale a large stock of up-to-date merchandise. Successful as the venture was financially, the change of occupation did not agree with his health so he sold his goods to J. B. Richards & Son, of Wyoming, and the store to Frank Arlen, who has since converted it into a hotel. Then he built the fine residence now owned by P. C. Ingwersen, which was the first brick structure of its kind in the city, and, in the course of years selling it, he erected the fine home where he and his son now reside.



L. ZELLER

From 1880 to 1889, Mr. Zeller was not actively engaged in any particular business but he was keenly alive to the world of finance, making a thorough study of loans, banking, investments and the general business methods of financiers, thus acquiring a knowledge which has made his advice and judgment eagerly sought by investors. It also, united with his reputation for promptness and honest dealings, has made possible his success in the conduct of the Citizens Exchange Bank.

In 1864, Mr. Zeller, married Miss Josephine Egida, and of their union was born L. F. Zeller, who is following in the footsteps of his father, although he enjoys a strong character and a fair name all of his own making. He was born in Oxford township in 1866, but as his parents moved to Oxford Junction when he was eight years old, his education has been in large measure derived from the public schools there. After finishing the high school course he entered Cornell College for a year, and then went to Lenox College, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. S. It was in 1888 that he started upon his business career, finding employment as a clerk in a hardware store in Cedar Rapids. There he remained until, as he expresses it, "We were struck with the banking fever," and he joined his father in the new enterprise. Put to many severe tests his capabilities were found sufficient to meet all the demands made upon him and he was taken into partnership. Now he has full charge of the bank, while his father attends to the outside business, such as land investments, collections and rentals, and so forth.

L. F. Zeller soon won recognition for his ability even beyond the confines of his office, for in 1892, when the younger men of Oxford Junction decided to take the government out of the hands of the older and experienced directors of affairs, the name of L. F. Zeller was placed at the head of their ticket. He was elected by a large majority, served with his usual fidelity to the trust imposed in him, winning notice throughout the state as being the youngest mayor then in office in Iowa. A man full of energy and enthusiasm, he is a most worthy member of the public library board, while his sound business methods, his faithfulness and his courtesy have contributed their share toward promoting the success of the bank.

A few words regarding the institution itself will not be out of place. Organized October 19, 1889, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, in a year and a half it had outgrown its accommodations so that it had to be moved to a place better adapted to its needs. In 1897, another removal was necessary for the same reasons, and a new safe was installed in a fire proof vault. This last adjunct was secured none too soon for in 1898 the bank building was wrecked by fire, which, however, did no damage to the valuables placed in the vault, which has since been made doubly secure against all the perils to which safes are subject. The present building in which the bank is housed was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars and is one of the most attractive edifices on Broadway. The entire first floor is given over to the needs of the concern, the banking rooms being fitted in the most modern and attractive style. There money is received from anyone, interest being paid upon deposits at the current rate, while accounts of farmers, merchants and others are received on favorable terms. Commercial and real-estate loans are made upon acceptable security, exchanges are bought

and sold and collections made; indeed, a general banking business in all that that implies is carried on. But in addition the concern has the agency for the leading life, fire and accident insurance companies and the buying and selling of real estate. From them may be obtained letters of credit to any port across the ocean. As the greater part of the bank's securities are placed in farm land, much of it in the vicinity of Oxford Junction, its patrons know that its funds are safely invested. This fact combined with the reputation its owners enjoy have made the institution one in which the greatest confidence is placed by those in Oxford Junction and in its vicinity.

ALEXANDER BEATTY, JR.

Alexander Beatty, Jr., is one of the successful agriculturists of Richland township. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, April 2, 1879, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (South) Beatty. The latter was born in Pike county, Missouri, but the father was a native of Ireland, coming to America in 1848, at the time of the great famine when so many of Erin's sons sought refuge in this country. He made his way almost directly to Jones county, Iowa, where he bought the land on which his son Alexander makes his home today. Upon this place his wife died in May, 1895, and here he passed away January 11, 1901. Nine children were born to them: Agnes, who is now the wife of Robert Lee, of Muscatine, Iowa; John S., who lives in Richland township; Joseph, of Independence, Iowa; Eva, who is the wife of J. B. Atchison, of Cascade, Iowa; Hattie, who married J. L. Fober, of Dubuque county, Iowa; Alexander Jr., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, William and Mary, deceased.

Alexander Beatty, Jr., has always lived on the farm which was his birthplace and is his home today. He attended the district schools of the township, from which he derived a fair education, and then returned to the duties at home which had not been relinquished during the years he was a student, for from an early age he assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm. When the latter was released from the cares of this world he assumed the management of the place, purchasing the interests of the other heirs. Since then he has devoted all his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, making the one hundred and thirty acres produce bountiful harvests. His industry has brought him a pronounced success and it has also served as an inspiration to others who have witnessed the substantial returns that have resulted from it.

In June, 1894, Mr. Beatty wedded Miss Sadie Nachtrieb, who was born in Cascade, Iowa, in 1870, and was a daughter of John and Harriett (Lewis) Nachtrieb, one of the three children born to the couple. Both parents are dead now but during their lives they were important members of the agricultural community of Dubuque county. Mrs. Nachtrieb was a native of Indiana, while her husband was born in Germany, but he had come to the United States in his youth. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beatty: Beulah M. and Gladys.

In political matters Mr. Beatty has always given his support to the republican candidates, being wholly in sympathy with the platform of that party, but has never sought office or any public recognition of his abilities. He has been very active, however, in the Cascade Lodge, No. 127, A. F. & A. M., not only participating in most of the meetings but through the occupancy of many of the chairs directing the policy of the organization there. With his wife he belongs to the Eastern Star, No. 626, at Cascade, and like her is a consistent member of the Baptist church.

ERVIN E. REED.

Ervin E. Reed, one of the successful young lawyers of Monticello, was born in South Fork township, Delaware county, Iowa, June 15, 1873. His father, John S. Reed, was a farmer, who settled in that township in 1848, when it was first opened by the government for colonization. His mother, whose maiden name was Christiana McDonald, was also one of the early settlers of Iowa, having come to the state in 1854 and to Scotch Grove township two years later. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent and the mother of Scottish ancestry.

After the death of John S. Reed in 1887, his widow removed from the old homestead in Delaware county to Monticello, where Ervin E. Reed was sent to the public schools. He was graduated from the high school in 1891 and after teaching for a period in the rural schools of the county he matriculated in the Iowa State College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Ames. From the scientific course of that institution he was graduated in November, 1895, and in 1898 he received his degree of LL. B. from the law department of Drake University at Des Moines, having completed the course in that school.

While a student Mr. Reed pursued a systematic and thorough course in military science in connection with his regular collegiate work and in 1894 he was detailed to act as battalion adjutant of the First Regiment Iowa National Guard during its annual encampment. Immediately after the encampment he was appointed to fill that position with the rank of first lieutenant, serving as such at the opening of the Spanish-American war. In April, 1898, he was ordered into the United States service with his regiment, which was rechristened the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry Volunteers when it was mustered in. It was ordered to Jacksonville, Florida, where a military camp had been established under the name of Camp Cuba Libre. There the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry remained until October, when it moved to Savannah, Georgia. In December it was sent to Havana, Cuba, and became a part of the American Army of Occupation under Major General Fitzhugh Lee. When the regiment arrived at Camp Cuba Libre it was only partially equipped and the work of providing the new recruits with the necessary accoutrements for active campaigning was delayed because of the confusion due to the lack of trained and competent men in the quartermaster's department. In August Lieutenant Reed was made quartermaster of his regiment and with the capacity for organization that has ever distinguished him he

proceeded to bring order out of the confusion and complete the equipment of his men for field work. So well were his duties performed that when the regiment moved into Cuba it was among the best prepared body of men in the army. Lieutenant Reed was present with his regiment every day from the time when at Des Moines he received telegraphic orders to join it until he was mustered out of the service at Savannah, Georgia, in May, 1899, five months of that time having been spent on the island of Cuba. At the close of the war Mr. Reed engaged in the practice of law in Monticello and has since devoted himself continuously to that profession, in which a large and remunerative practice indicates his success.

In 1901 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Gwendolen Doxsee, of Rolfe, Iowa, a graduate of the Iowa State College of the class of 1897. Three children have been born of this union: Elaine, Alfreda and Alice Miriam. In politics Mr. Reed has given his unqualified support to the republican party and is at present chairman of the republican county central committee. His devotion to the interests of his clients and the pronounced ability which has ever distinguished his conduct of cases secured for him election as city attorney of his home town, a position he held through two terms. In 1901 and 1902 he was county attorney of Jones county, again proving that he was a most competent exponent of the laws of the state and country.

WILLIAM McGOVERN.

William McGovern, who has a large farm in Richland township and conducts a dairy in connection with his agricultural interests, was born in this county, and is a son of William and Jane (Heery) McGovern. The parents were natives of Ireland, where the father was born in 1825 and the mother in 1819, and came to America in 1837. In 1853, in New York state they were married and the following year came to Jones county, Iowa. Here they rented land for a few years and then bought the farm in Richland township on which their son Thomas lives today. It remained their home until their deaths, which occurred at the opening of the twentieth century, after they had witnessed some of the more important changes which had been wrought in the appearance and condition of the county since they had taken up their residence here. The father died in 1900, but the mother survived until 1906, when her life was also brought to its close. They were the parents of eight children, only two of whom are now living: William, the subject of this sketch, and Thomas, a farmer in Richland township.

William McGovern attended the common schools of this county, from which he derived a fair education in the rudimentary branches of English instruction. Home training supplemented whatever were the shortcomings of his formal schooling and through practical experience in the tilling of the soil, in which he assisted from his early boyhood, prepared him for the vocation to which he has given his attention. Until he was thirty-three years of age he remained with his parents and then, starting out in life for himself, bought the farm on which he

is living today. It is a tract of two hundred and eighty acres, which is maintained under a high state of cultivation, besides being improved with substantial and commodious buildings of an excellent kind. In connection with his purely agricultural interests he conducts a dairy, which has proved a profitable undertaking financially, for the same care and diligence which has characterized his work as a farmer is noticeable here. A certain skill is of course necessary in obtaining the best results from the soil, but it is a skill that comes from experience born of industry and a determination to succeed, rather than from any esoteric maneuvers in a world foreign to his vocation, that has brought Mr. McGovern the good fortune he now enjoys.

In 1891 was celebrated the wedding of Mr. McGovern and Miss Nellie Hogan, who was born in Castle Grove township, Jones county, and is a daughter of D. M. and Catherine Hogan. The former is now deceased, but the latter is living in Castle Grove township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGovern: William L. G., who is at home; Mary J., who is attending the high school at Anamosa; Dennis M. and Agnes C., who are at home.

The parents are both members of the Catholic church and are rearing their family in that faith. In his political views Mr. McGovern finds himself in sympathy with the democratic party and invariably casts his vote for its candidate. For himself, however, he has never sought office, although he has served very efficiently as a school director, a position he is still holding.

JOSEPH M. EBY.

Joseph M. Eby, the owner of a tract of four hundred acres of well improved and valuable land in Scotch Grove township, is actively engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred at Sabula, Iowa, on the 28th of February, 1873, his parents being Samuel and Harriet Eby, the former a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter of England. They still survive and their children are six in number.

Joseph M. Eby obtained a good practical education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. When twenty-one years of age he went to Oregon, but at the end of a year came to Jones county, Iowa, and took charge of the mill on the farm which is now in his possession. At the present time he owns four hundred acres of rich and productive land in Scotch Grove township and, in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, makes a specialty of feeding stock. Alert, energetic and enterprising, he has won a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity in his undertakings and is widely recognized as a most successful agriculturist and substantial citizen.

In March, 1897, Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Miss Anna Espy, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1879, her parents being James and Elizabeth (Smith) Espy, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Eby was one of a family of four children and by her marriage has become the mother of three, namely: Raymond L., Hazel I. and Dorothy.

Mr. Eby gives his political allegiance to the republican party and at the present time is serving as a school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and they are both people of the highest respectability, whose good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the confidence and friendly regard of all who know them.

J. A. OVERLEY.

J. A. Overley, who during his lifetime was one of the substantial agriculturists of Madison township, was born in Kentucky, April 6, 1850. His parents were John C. and Lucinda (Arnold) Overley, who came to Jones county when he was about two years of age. In his boyhood he experienced some of the hardships that surround the sturdy men and women who seek to make a home for their families in the country which has but comparatively recently been thrown open to homesteaders. He attended the district schools, obtaining from them a fair education in the fundamental branches of English instruction, while the practical training he received at home, which well fitted him for the responsibilities of life, amply supplemented any shortcomings that might have been the fault of the local schools. To agricultural pursuits he devoted all the years of his active life, with a success that was a gratifying interest upon his investment of thought and labor, for when, on the 6th of September, 1905, he was released from the cares of this world, he was in the possession of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land in Madison township. His fields ever bore witness to his thrift and industry, while the buildings, which were his pride during his lifetime, in their substantial construction and fine state of repair in which they were always maintained evinced the good management which distinguished Mr. Overley through all his years. Since his death his widow has carried on the place, operating the farm with a skill which is a credit to her business ability.

For almost thirty years Mr. and Mrs. Overley were permitted to travel life's highway together. Mrs. Overley was Miss Emily D. Nicholls in her maidenhood and their marriage was celebrated February 10, 1876. She was born in Canada in 1853, being about three years of age when in 1856, her parents, Martin and Eleanor (Nugent) Nicholls came to Jones county. They bought land here and built a log cabin, which remained their home for a considerable period, until having improved their farm and won a good income from the cultivation of their fields, they were able to erect a more durable habitation. Mrs. Overley was one of a family of four children and she is also the mother of four children: Martin S., deceased; Alice, who is at home; Roy, who is at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Overley was actively identified with the Masons, being a member of the lodge at Wyoming, while he was connected with the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America located at Onslow. He also belonged to the Mystic Workers, to which his widow still be-



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longs. She is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Onslow. Politically Mr. Overley was a supporter of the republican party and throughout life took an active part in the local councils of that organization, where his opinion was ever accorded a gratifying deference.

PATRICK ROGERS.

Patrick Rogers, a prosperous farmer of Richland township, was born in Ireland, December 25, 1848, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Moonen) Rogers, both natives of the Emerald isle. Shortly after his birth the parents came to the United States, taking up their residence in Dubuque county, Iowa, where the father engaged in mining. In 1856 Peter Rogers came to Jones county, where he purchased a portion of the farm which is now in the possession of his son George. On it he spent the remainder of the years allotted to him, devoting himself assiduously to agricultural pursuits with such results that by the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, he was in the enjoyment of a comfortable income. His wife survived him only four years, when in 1884, she too was called to her final rest. They were the parents of five children: Patrick, the subject of this sketch; Michael, who is deceased; George, a farmer of Richland township; Catherine, who lives with her brother George; and Jane, who has passed away.

Patrick Rogers was reared at home, where from the careful training of his parents he derived those lessons which have contributed so much to the success of his later years. He also attended the public schools, in which he learned the rudiments of an English education, so that by the time he had attained his majority he was well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life. At that age he left the parental roof and bought the farm of ninety-five acres on which he lives today. With the passing years he has been able to add to the original tract until now he owns two hundred and thirty acres lying on sections 4 and 9, Richland township. This he has improved by planting a large grove of spruce trees and by erecting a fine house and many other buildings which are indicative of the progressive ideas which have contributed so much to his success. In addition to the cultivation of general crops he has engaged extensively in the raising of hogs, obtaining from both a gratifying income.

In 1884, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Coos, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Nicholas and Susanna Coos. The parents were both natives of Germany, and the mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-three years, making her home with Mr. Rogers. Our subject and his wife have eight children: George P., John N., Catherine, Charles, Joseph, Laura, Lettie and Frank. The eldest is a farmer of this county, with whom Catherine makes her home. Laura has graduated from the common schools.

The family are members of the Catholic church, that being the faith in which the parents were reared, and are devout in the performance of their religious duties. Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of a citizen of this republic, Mr. Rogers has allied himself with the democracy and has re-

ceived evidence of the confidence placed in him by his fellow citizens, who have elected him to the school board and for twenty years chose him as one of the trustees of the township. This sign of public approval is even more gratifying than the substantial financial success which has rewarded his efforts.

JOHN J. LOCHER.

John J. Locher, a representative of the Monticello bar and in other capacities identified with the best interests, financially and otherwise, of the city, was born in Sandspring, Iowa, December 8, 1877, a son of Anthony S. and Carrie Locher. He was reared at home, while he obtained his first introduction to the world of education in the common schools of his birthplace. Early he evinced a liking for books and study, and the desire to accomplish some achievement through brain work was not silenced through the presence of hardships which would mean that his student life was not to be without its toils and privations. From the age of ten until he had almost reached man's estate he worked upon the farm during the summer months, while in the winter he prosecuted his lessons as best he might. After leaving the common schools he went to Quincy and from there to Chicago, entering finally the law department of Drake University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. In the meantime, however, he had had several years' experience in teaching, that he might thereby obtain the funds with which to continue his education.

Having been admitted to the bar of Jones county, immediately after receiving his diploma Mr. Locher established a law office in Monticello. In the five subsequent years he has built up a lucrative practice in his profession, for almost from the first he won the confidence of the men among whom he lives. He is a man who believes in using every opportunity to its fullest extent and accordingly, seeing other business openings, has not hesitated to embark upon them, feeling that beside increasing his income, they would afford him larger experience in the world of affairs, one of the perquisites of a successful lawyer. Therefore he has opened an insurance agency, in which policies against life, fire and accident may be written and which is known as the Locher Insurance Agency, and under the firm title of Lanigan & Locher has engaged in the real-estate business. Another association which evidences the width of his interests and sympathies is that with his brother, F. A. Locher, under the name, Locher Brothers, dealers in musical instruments.

Of all the professions, perhaps no other makes such heavy demands upon the man who would succeed in it as does that of the law. A broad, liberal education is but the foundation; upon it must be built a structure which results from high-mental endowments, a ready sympathy with and understanding of human nature, and the power to present facts, truthfully, concisely and persuasively. Endowed with these, and enjoying the confidence of his constituents, there is every reason to believe that a young man, unafraid of hard labor will come out ahead in the battle for success. It is upon such qualities as these that Mr. Locher has relied in his work; and now having on more than one important occasion given proof

of the character of the man he is, of his integrity of purpose and of his power, there is every reason to feel confidence in the good fortune which the future holds in store for him.

JOHN F. MOORE.

John F. Moore, whose well tilled fields are representative of the agricultural prosperity of Richland township, was born in Switzerland, April 14, 1854. His parents, Melchoir and Magdalene (Tules) Moore, were also of Swiss birth and came to the United States in 1868, locating in Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Moore procured eighty acres of arable land. His wife died ten years after her arrival here, but he lived until 1907, in the enjoyment of the many comforts which had requited his arduous toil. Seven of the fourteen children born to the couple still survive. They are Aldine, the wife of Joseph Kipfer, now residing in Livingston county, Illinois; Adolphine, who is the wife of John Holler, of this county; Alfred and William, both residents of Jones county; Nieman, now living in Leadville, Colorado; Edward, residing in Lyon county, Iowa; and John F., who is the subject of this review.

John F. Moore was about fourteen years of age when his parents emigrated to this country. In the public schools of this county he completed the education which had begun in his native land, while at home he received practical instruction for the responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-one he left the parental roof, going forth to make his own way in the world. For six years he toiled as a farm hand, and then, having married, he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself on land he had purchased in Wayne township. After a period of three years' residence there he sold that place and removed to Richland township, buying the farm on which he lives today. It is a tract of two hundred and twenty acres, on which he pursues a diversified farming which renders him a gratifying income for the many hours of hard labor he has expended in the cultivation of the fields. The place is well improved, as the result of his own efforts, presenting an appearance of prosperity that is indicative of the industry and good management of its owner, qualities which have made him one of the substantial men of his township.

In 1881 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Anna Jacobs, a native of this county and a daughter of John and Matilda Jacobs. Her mother has passed away, but her father is living in California. Eleven children have been born of this union: Matilde, deceased; John L., now living in North Dakota; Matilde, who has remained at home; Anna, who has graduated from the Cedar Rapids Business College and is now in Cedar Rapids; Charles, who is at home; Martha, who is residing in Cedar Rapids; Frederick, who is at home; George, who has passed away; Laura, who is now attending high school in Monticello; Frieda, who is at home; as is George E., the youngest of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are consistent members of the German Reformed church and are not only regular in their attendance at its services, but endeavor to put to practical application in their daily lives the lessons taught by it. Politically

Mr. Moore has ever given his support to the republican candidates as the choice of the party in whose principles he places the greatest confidence. As for himself, however, he has never sought any office within the gift of the people, although he has filled with credit the position of school director, and during his incumbency proved that he was deeply concerned for the advancement of his community.

SAMUEL CAIRY MAYBERRY.

Agricultural pursuits characterized the efforts of Samuel Cairy Mayberry, deceased, throughout his entire business career, and the farming interests of Cass township found in him a worthy representative. Born in Pennsylvania on the 13th of April, 1854, he was a son of Alexander and Jane (Walker) Mayberry, who came from Pennsylvania to Iowa when our subject was a little lad, locating upon a farm in Jackson county, where their remaining days were passed. In their family were four children, of whom Samuel Cairy, of this review, is the eldest. The names of the others are: Mahala, the deceased wife of E. J. Head, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; William, who is operating the old home place in Jackson county; and Nancy, who married Charles Chapman and makes her home near Blairsburg, Iowa.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Samuel Cairy Mayberry during the period of his boyhood and youth, which were spent amid the scenes and environments of rural life. At the usual age he became a pupil in the district schools, where he acquired a fair knowledge of the various branches of English learning, while the periods of vacation were devoted to assisting in the work of the home farm. He early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the agriculturist and continued to remain under the parental roof until two years after his marriage. In the spring of 1876 he came to Jones county and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Cass township, where he made his home until his demise. He erected a comfortable dwelling and made many improvements upon the place while about two years ago a good barn was built. He carried on general agricultural pursuits and was also engaged to some extent in the dairy business, milking from ten to twenty-six cows at a time. Under his careful management the farm became a well improved property and his industry, energy and well directed efforts were salient characteristics in the creditable degree of prosperity which he enjoyed.

It was on the 20th of October, 1874, that Mr. Mayberry was united in marriage to Rachel Barkley, whose birth occurred in Mercer county, Indiana, on the 10th of September, 1854, her parents being Henry and Matilda (Davis) Barkley, both of whom have passed away, the latter when their daughter was only three years of age, and the former when she was seventeen years old. Mrs. Mayberry was the youngest in a family of three children, the others being: Serepta, the deceased wife of Raymond Diley, of Kansas; and Silas, who is also married and resides on a farm in Maquoketa, Iowa.

Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were born seven children, who are as follows: Elmer, of Sherman county, Kansas; Henry J., who also resides in Sherman county, Kansas; Luella, the wife of John Daily, of the same place; Matilda, who married W. F. Hubbard, of Sherman county; John, who went to Stanley county, South Dakota, when twenty-three years of age and took up a homestead claim; Leona, who married Henry Uhr, of Cass township; and Ernest, who operates the home farm. The husband and father passed from this life on the 14th of March, 1892, when the youngest child was but twenty months old, and after his death the widowed mother continued to rear her family on the old homestead until one by one the six eldest were married and established homes of their own. She has proved an excellent mother and something of the wholesome influence which she exerted in the home is manifest in the upright lives of her children. She and her husband were faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Langworthy, in which she still holds membership.

In politics Mr. Mayberry was a stanch republican, giving stalwart support to the principles of that organization although he never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. He had been ill for about three years previous to his demise and with his passing away the township lost one of its representative and valued citizens whose interests had been thoroughly identified with those of the community and whose influence was ever on the side of improvement, reform and progress. Honorable and just in all of his dealings, his honesty and geniality made him popular with all who knew him and the standard of life that he set up for himself was one that commanded for him the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

THOMAS M. REDMOND, M. D.

One of the successful younger physicians of Monticello, Iowa, is Dr. Thomas M. Redmond, who was born in Dysart, this state, December 24, 1878, the son of James and Mary (Gill) Redmond. The father, who died in Dysart, May 23, 1909, at the age of seventy-two, was born in Acklow, County Wicklow, *Ireland*, April 5, 1837. The Redmond's emigrated to America in 1851 and became residents of New York state. In 1867 they located in Benton county, Iowa, where the survivors of the older generation still reside. The subject of this sketch is the oldest of four children born to the parental union, the others being: James F., owner and manager of a department store at Lamont, Iowa; William H., a senior medical student at Northwestern University Medical school; and Mae, a student at St. Clara College, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.

Thomas M. Redmond was reared at home and after graduating in 1895 from the Dysart high school entered the employ of the Kullmer Drug Company and after three years as clerk with this firm he became a student at the State University, where he combined the academic course with that of medicine. Two years later he enrolled as a student in the medical school of the Northwestern University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904. Dur-

ing this period, however, he served for six months in Wesley Hospital, substituting for a physician who was ill. When he received the degree entitling him to practice his profession he was offered a remunerative position with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, but under the impression that larger opportunities awaited him elsewhere he refused this appointment and assumed charge of Dr. Connor's practice at Reinbeck, Iowa, during the latter's four months vacation. It was in November, 1904, that he located in Monticello. Since that year he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, winning the confidence of a large clientele. He has been successful in surgery as in the practice of the healing art.

On the 7th of November, 1906, Dr. Redmond was joined in wedlock to Miss Catherine Mullen, of Laporte City, Iowa, and to them has been born one child, Ralph N. During his college career he was initiated into the Kappa Sigma fraternity and later became one of the organizers and a charter member of the Mu chapter of the Phi Rho Sigma Medical fraternity, the first medical fraternity organized at State University of Iowa. Since leaving college he has also been largely interested in fraternal matters, having joined Root Camp, No. 282, M. W. A., the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Mystic Workers, the Fraternal Bankers, the Home Guards and the Homesteaders. As a member of Jones County Medical Society, of the Iowa State Medical Society, of the Iowa Association of Health Officers, of the Cedar Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association he keeps abreast with the advancement of his profession. He is now and has been health officer at Monticello the past four years. Partly in recognition of his skill as a practitioner Dr. Redmond was appointed medical examiner for the American Life Old Line Insurance Company, the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and the Bankers Life Association, all of Des Moines, and the Cedar Rapids Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids, and in this capacity he has again proved his title to be known as one of the successful physicians of Monticello. He is a member of the Catholic church.

LINUS L. IRELAND.

Linus L. Ireland, one of the successful farmers and substantial citizens of Madison township, was born in Champaign county, Illinois, June 22, 1854, and is a son of Purviance and Rebecca M. (Lyon) Ireland, natives of Indiana and Ohio, respectively. In the latter state the couple were married and shortly after their union removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where the father followed farming. In the spring of 1866, he moved his family to Jones county, Iowa, settling on a farm in Greenfield township. Although he subsequently made several changes, the greater part of his later life was passed in this county. In 1903, he departed this life, in Olin, where he was then residing, while his wife survived him about four years, being then seventy-four years of age—two years younger than her husband when he responded to the call of death. In politics Mr. Ireland was a republican, though never an office-seeker, and in religious matters he and his wife gave their allegiance to the Christian church, of which



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they were devout members. A few years before his death, however, Mr. Ireland's health failed him to such an extent that he was unable to attend its services.

Linus L. Ireland was reared at home and received his education in the common schools. Meager as this training might have been it was amply supplemented by practical experience in the fields, which laid the foundations for the success of his later years. Still a young man, scarcely out of his teens, Mr. Ireland married and established a home of his own. For four years he operated rented land and then bought a farm of sixty-five acres in Fairview township, this county. In three years he was convinced of the wisdom of disposing of that piece of property and again became a renter for a period of six years. In February, 1891, he purchased the farm on which he lives today. It is a fine tract, one hundred and forty acres in extent, fertile to begin with, but vastly improved since Mr. Ireland obtained possession of it, for he cultivates the soil in accordance with the most approved scientific methods and has erected buildings that are modern in every detail. As a result the farm is one of the richest and most valuable in Jones county.

On the 26th of May, 1873, Mr. Ireland was united in marriage to Miss Jenie S. Hamilton, of this county, who was born in Huron county, Ohio. Of this marriage there have been born nine children, seven of whom survive: Effie E., the wife of Benjamin McGuire, of Madison township; Lizzie L., the wife of Arthur G. Bender, also of that township; Millie M., who married Louis R. Buchholtz, a farmer of Madison township; and Viola V., Louis L., Alice A. and Grace G., who live at home.

Although he has been repeatedly urged to do so, Mr. Ireland has steadily refused to accept any office within the gift of the people. He takes an interest in public matters nevertheless, and is always at the polls on election days when his ballot is given to the candidates of the republican party. A man who has never shirked hard work, his success is equally due to his progressive methods and temper of his mind, which is ever receptive of the improvements that are being made in the appurtenances of farming as in other fields of business. Uprightness and honesty have distinguished his intercourse with his fellow-men and he is highly esteemed in his section and throughout the county.

WILLIAM WYLIE HUNTER, M. D.

Dr. William Wylie Hunter, who for more than two decades has practiced in Monticello, has, like most established family physicians, obtained an influence in his community that is more far-reaching than that of any man sustaining other relations to the public. Dr. Hunter was born in Jones county, July 11, 1858, a son of Cyprian and Sarah Jane (Clark) Hunter, who came to this state from Mercer county, Pennsylvania. The father, who followed farming as a life work, was also a defender of the Union cause in the Civil war and lost his life at Young's Point, during the struggle.

The son was reared on the home farm and acquired his elementary learning in the public schools. From his youth he had a strong ambition to enter professional lines and after reaching mature years abandoned the quiet life of the farm and took up the study of medicine in the medical department of the State University of Iowa, graduating from that institution in 1886. In the meantime, in 1885, he acted as interne in Mercy Hospital at Davenport, Iowa, and through this means acquired a practical knowledge of the science of medicine. Following his graduation he located for practice in Center Junction, spending two years in that place. He sought a broader field of labor, however, and subsequently opened an office in Monticello, where he has engaged in general practice to the present time. He is a busy and successful practitioner, having become the dependable family physician in many a household, not only in Monticello but in the territory adjacent to the city.

It was during his residence in Center Junction that Dr. Hunter was married on the 29th of February, 1888, to Miss Lillian E. Winner. They have a son and daughter. Blanche Pauline, now eighteen years of age, is in her second year in college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Harvey Dean, a lad of twelve years, is at home.

Dr. Hunter has, since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, supported the men and measures of the republican platform, and in 1893 was elected mayor of Monticello, in which office he served faithfully and well. He is a Mason, becoming identified with the order in 1883, while in 1894 he joined the Odd Fellows society and in 1899 became a member of the Knights of Pythias. In the line of his profession he belongs to the American Medical, the Iowa Union, the Iowa State and the Jones County Medical Societies, while in religious faith he is a Methodist. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of the state, and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

T. W. SHERIDAN.

T. W. Sheridan, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Richland township, was born on the farm on which he now lives October 9, 1850, and is a son of James and Rosanna (Boyle) Sheridan. The parents were both natives of Ireland and after coming to this country located in Pennsylvania, where they remained six or eight years. Some time in the early '40s they came to Jones county, Iowa, acquiring a tract of land from the government. It was in the first years of the colonization of this part of the state so that some of their experiences here were those of pioneers in a new land, necessitating a great deal of courage to meet all the hardships which they had to encounter and overcome. Although they did not live to enjoy the sight of the full development of this county, in 1875, when the mother died, and in 1880, when the father's death occurred, many changes had transpired which told of the line of progress. Nine children were born to them, who assisted them in the struggles of those early years. They were Frank M., who is living in Galesburg, Illinois; James L., deceased; John A.,

now living in Warren county, Illinois; Mary A., who is the wife of Jesse Seymour, of Seattle, Washington; Abby J., who lives on the homestead; T. W., the subject of this sketch; Patrick A., who is living in California; Steven H., who makes his home with his brother, T. W.; and one who died in childhood.

At the age of ten years T. W. Sheridan started to make his own way in the world. When many boys have little thought for anything besides play he was not only planning how he might obtain the money for his own needs but also how he might render assistance to his parents. He was able, nevertheless, to obtain a fair education in the county schools, while he learned those lessons even more important relative to the best use of one's time and the value of thrift and industry. Now he and his brother Steven own the old homestead, on which they conduct a profitable business in dairying and in the raising of fancy chickens. It is a tract of two hundred acres, a part of which is tilled by approved methods for a system of diversified agriculture, and part used as pasture land for their large herds of cattle.

The brothers have given their allegiance in political matters to the democratic party, and while they are not office seekers, T. W. Sheridan has rendered efficient service as a school director. He is a member of the Cascade Lodge, No. 1077, M. W. A., and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus in that village. In both organizations he is very active, being ever willing to exert himself in promoting the welfare of his fraternal brothers. His allegiance in religious matters is given to the Catholic church.

CHARLES H. NELSON.

Farming claims the attention of Charles H. Nelson, who operates one hundred and sixty acres in Scotch Grove township, which was inherited by him and his sister from the father's estate. Mr. Nelson was born on this farm, July 24, 1883, the only son of the marriage of Mathew J. and Ellen (Overly) Nelson. The father was born in Pennsylvania and coming to Jones county as a young man, he was married here to Miss Overly, who was born in Scotch Grove township. Soon thereafter Mr. Nelson purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which our subject now resides. He carefully tilled the soil and made farming his life work, being thus engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1901. His wife, however, died many years before, her death occurring when the son was but seven months old. Mr. Nelson was a republican in his political views but was never active in the work of the party, his farm work and the care of his family fully claiming his time and attention. He was a man of kindly purposes, of strict integrity and of genial nature and during his long residence in Scotch Grove township he was looked upon as one of its most prosperous and highly respected citizens. Beside our subject there was left to mourn his loss one daughter, Ella May, the wife of R. P. Clark, of Scotch Grove township.

Charles H. Nelson was reared under the parental roof and was given the advantages of a good common-school education. He was but eighteen years of age

at the time of his father's death and he had been bereft of a mother's love and care from his infancy. Being thrown upon his own responsibility at an early age, the strongest traits of his character were brought forth. He was, however, left in good circumstances, the farm of one hundred and sixty acres being left to him and his sister. He rents the latter's share and operates the entire tract, his work being carried on very successfully.

Mr. Nelson finds a faithful helpmate in his wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Maggie Serbousek, and whom he wedded on the 12th of February, 1908. She is a native of Madison township, this county. Mr. Nelson follows in the political footsteps of his father, giving his support to the republican party. Having spent his entire life in Scotch Grove township, he is popular with a large circle of friends and his estimable wife shares in the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

L. C. LAWRENCE.

L. C. Lawrence, who about ten years ago joined the agricultural community of Lovell township and is now one of the substantial men of this section of the state, was born in that township, October 24, 1867. His father, Frederick Lawrence, was a native of Prussia, who came to the United States in 1854. For the first three years after his arrival in this country, he worked in the pineries of Wisconsin and then, at the expiration of that period, came to Iowa, finding employment for four years as a farm hand in Dubuque county. In 1860 he took up his residence in Monticello, where he enlisted in the Union army in 1862. As a member of Company H, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, he served until the close of the Civil war, participating in many of the more important engagements and receiving a wound in the siege of Vicksburg. After the close of the war, in 1866, he married, his bride being Miss Sarah Waterman, a native of Minnesota. Thereupon he settled upon the land he had procured in Jones county, Iowa, which remained his home until twenty years ago, when he removed to Delaware county, Iowa, where he still lives. Forty acres of the tract here he had bought in 1862, but owned ninety acres on his removal to Delaware county. He and his wife are strong in their support of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in its work.

L. C. Lawrence was reared at home, acquiring the practical lessons for life under the wise guidance of his parents and in the public schools, where he was a pupil through the months they were in session. In 1895, he left the parental roof to seek work for himself. He found employment as a farm hand with John Smyth, of Delaware county, and during the four years he spent with him wooed his daughter, who promised to become his wife. In 1899, after his marriage, he bought the tract of land he now occupies. It was formerly known as the William Cline place, embracing three hundred and forty acres of some of the best land in Lovell township, Jones county. Its fertile fields are well cultivated, yielding large harvests. Industrious, progressive and a good manager, Mr. Lawrence has risen in the short period of his residence here to a position of respect among his fellow citizens, who regard his success with good will.

and no bitterness. Such should be the case, for his fair fortune is the result of his own efforts.

It was in 1899 that Mr. Lawrence married Miss Emeline Smyth and to them were born four children, but none are now living. In his political views, Mr. Lawrence is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party but he has taken no part in local politics. He is a member of the fraternal Order of the Eagles and is active among his brethren of the local lodge. With his wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, whose teachings he endeavors to put into daily practice, thus ordering his life by a standard higher than the mere accumulation of a fair fortune and evincing a desire to be known as a man of honor and responsibility.

JOHN B. MORRISON.

John B. Morrison, a successful and enterprising farmer and extensive land-owner and stockraiser of Jones county, whose well directed efforts are bringing him a gratifying measure of success, was born on the 25th of December, 1845. He is a son of Thomas and Katharine (McDermott) Morrison, both natives of Ireland, born in 1810. The father, who was a native of County Mayo, came to America about 1832, landing in Quebec, where for a time he lived with a Quaker family. He then came to the United States and entered the regular army as a private cavalry soldier, and during his term of enlistment did frontier service. After leaving the army, he located in Galena, Illinois, where he was engaged in burning charcoal until the time of his marriage, after which he settled in Jackson county. In 1844 or 1845, he removed to Richland township and purchased a farm, which he sold in 1849 with the intention of going to California. Later he changed his mind and invested in a quarter section of land in Washington township, Jones county, which farm is now owned by the subject of this review. Although a stalwart democrat in politics, nevertheless during the Civil war he was a strong Union man and so publicly declared himself. On the 8th of December, 1839, he was united in marriage in Galena, Illinois, to Miss Katharine McDermott, and unto this union were born two children. Mary Ann, who was born in Galena, Illinois, on the 9th of May, 1841, is now in a Catholic school in Dubuque, where she is known as Sister Margaret Mary, having devoted her life to this work since 1873.

John B. Morrison was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools and at the old seminary at Cascade. The periods of vacation were devoted to assisting in the work of the fields and he continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until the latter's death, when he came into possession of the home farm, upon which he has since made his home. With the passing of the years he has been very successful and from time to time, as he has prospered, he has added to the home farm until his property holdings today aggregate five hundred and forty acres, constituting him one of the large landowners of the township. He has made many improvements upon the place and last season erected a new barn at a cost of thirty-three hundred

dollars. He has a deep affection for the old homestead, of which he has every reason to be proud, for it is today one of the most valuable and desirable properties in the locality. He carries on general farming, raising from sixty to seventy acres of corn annually, and in connection with the tilling of the soil he engages extensively in stockraising, keeping from sixty to eighty cattle and about one hundred and fifty hogs, while he keeps from eighteen to twenty cows on hand for milking purposes. He possesses excellent business ability and his affairs have been so wisely and carefully managed that the various branches of his business are proving very remunerative and he is ranked among the leading and prominent agriculturists of the township.

On the 15th of September, 1885, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage to Miss Ellen V. O'Brien, a daughter of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, of Cascade, and unto this union have been born four children, as follows: Joseph A., born July 12, 1886; Mary J., born May 4, 1888; Theressa Mildred, whose birth occurred April 27, 1891, and John H., born on the 24th of June, 1895. All of the children have had good educational advantages, the sons acquiring their training at the Temple Hill school, while the daughters attended the Academy of the Visitation at Dubuque. All are still under the parental roof, the family circle remaining unbroken by the hand of death.

The family are communicants of the Temple Hill Catholic church, while politically Mr. Morrison gives stalwart support to the democracy. He has served efficiently as township assessor for two terms, and in both private and public life his actions have ever been actuated by the principles which govern honorable and upright manhood. Having spent his entire life within the borders of Jones county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good will of his fellow-men.

WILLIAM H. GLICK.

William H. Glick is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Hale township, Jones county, where he owns a farm of one hundred and ten acres of excellent land, and in his undertaking is meeting with gratifying success. A native of Indiana, he was born near Lafayette, Tippecanoe county, on the 24th of June, 1841, a son of John and Hannah (McCamman) Glick. The father was born in Stark county, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1813, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1817. They were married in Ohio in 1840, immediately after which they removed to Indiana, transporting their entire household belongings in a one-horse wagon. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Jones county, where Mr. Glick purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hale township, for which he paid two dollars and twenty-five cents per acre. At the time of the purchase the land was all raw prairie, with not a furrow turned, but with characteristic energy he at once set about breaking the sod and converting it into productive fields. As the years passed by he brought the farm under a good state of cultivation and continued to reside thereupon up until the time of his



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demise. His death occurred in 1898, ten years after that of his wife, who passed away in 1888. Of the ten children born unto them five reached maturity, namely: William H., of this review; Samuel, residing in Hale township; Mitchell, who makes his home in Jones county; J. A., of California; and J. L., of Missouri.

William H. Glick was reared in his native state until fifteen years of age, and in the meantime attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. In the fall of 1856 he came with his parents to Jones county, where he has since continued to reside. After laying aside his text-books he was busily engaged in the work of the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his assistance for a number of years. At the age of twenty years, however, he put aside all personal interests to assist his country in her hour of need, and on the 12th of August, 1861, at the first call for troops to serve for three years, enlisted as a member of Company B, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Under Captain Don A. Carpenter he saw much active service and took part in many important engagements, among which were the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, besides many other minor battles. At the battle of Missionary Ridge he received a wound, a bullet passing through about eight inches of his body and coming out through the shoulder blade. He was taken to a hospital and later did duty with the invalid corps for some time, while on the 2d of September, 1864, he received honorable discharge. Throughout the three years of his term of enlistment he fought bravely and fearlessly in defense of the Stars and Stripes, his service being actuated by a spirit of loyalty that won for him a most creditable military record.

After returning home Mr. Glick resumed his connection with agricultural pursuits, remaining on the home farm with his parents until his marriage. He then took up farming on his own account, purchasing a farm of one hundred and ten acres on sections 19, 20 and 29, Hale township, about a mile and a half north of the old homestead. Here he has since continued to make his home, directing his energies toward the further improvement of the fields which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He has made a close study of agriculture, possesses good business ability and is methodical, systematic and progressive, so that he is numbered among the substantial and successful farmers of his section of the county.

Mr. Glick was united in marriage in 1865 to Miss Elizabeth E. Stevens, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born in 1847. She lost her mother in infancy, and with her uncle came to Iowa in 1855. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Glick have been born four children, namely: Dora E., the wife of L. G. Freeman, of Olin; John A., also residing in Olin; Henry Harlan, who passed away in infancy; and Harry M., who is married and resides at home, assisting in the operation of the homestead.

Politically Mr. Glick has been a stalwart republican from the time age conferred upon him the right of franchise, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln when reelected for a second term. He has held various offices in the township, including that of trustee, clerk and justice of the peace, and was also county supervisor for ten years. Fraternally he is connected with Ancient Land Mark Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M. of Olin, is a Royal Arch Mason and holds membership with the Knight Templars of Anamosa. He also maintains pleasant

relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Don A. Carpenter Post, G. A. R., of Olin. Patriotism has been a strong element in his life record, for in all matters of citizenship he has been as loyal to his country in times of peace as when following the old flag upon southern battlefields. In all relations of life in which he is found, whether social, business or public, he has been true to high principles of manhood and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the honor, respect and good will of his fellowmen.

C. J. MURFIELD.

C. J. Murfield, who is filling the office of county supervisor, making a creditable record by his faithfulness and promptness in the performance of every duty that devolves upon him in this connection, was born in Greenfield township, Jones county, September 3, 1857. The days of his boyhood and youth were here passed in the usual manner of farm lads, the labors of field and meadow early becoming familiar to him. His father, J. S. Murfield, had come to this county in pioneer times, settling in Highland Grove, while from the government he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Greenfield. It was a wild and uncultivated tract, upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began its conversion into rich and productive fields, his labors being in time rewarded with good crops. He married Miss Mary E. Bancroft. Upon the home farm they reared their family consisting of five sons and three daughters, of whom C. J. Murfield was the fifth in order of birth.

At the usual age, our subject entered the public schools and therein mastered the common branches of learning through the winter seasons, while in the summer months, he attended to the labors of the field that were assigned him by parental authority. Thus he gained broad practical experience in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has ever been a man of enterprise and diligence, carefully performing the tasks that have devolved upon him, doing with all his might whatever his hand has found to do. Throughout his business life he has followed farming and has devoted considerable attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

In 1884, Mr. Murfield was united in marriage to Miss Arra Belle Gregory, a daughter of Samuel Wesley Gregory, who became one of the early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa. He married Miss Isabelle McKay and Mrs. Murfield is the only living child of that marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murfield are well known in this part of the county, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

At the present time Mr. Murfield is serving as county supervisor and his election was more remarkable in that he was the candidate on the democratic ticket and lives in a district which usually gives a large republican majority. He is appreciative of and adheres to his settled plan of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. He is well known in fraternal circles, affiliating with White Rose Lodge, No. 79, K. P., of Martelle, and with the D. O. K. K., at Maquoketa,

Iowa, of which he is a charter member. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., at Anamosa, while in the consistory at Clinton, Iowa, he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. His salient qualities are such as have won for him the confidence and regard from all and he is popular and prominent in social and fraternal circles, in politics and in business life, in all which his reliability is recognized as one of his most pronounced traits.

LEWIS DARLING.

Among the leading men of Scotch Grove township, whose prosperity is representative of the best interests of his locality, is Lewis Darling, who is now serving his second term as township trustee. He was born in Lake county, Illinois, June 11, 1849, and is a son of Charles and Amanda (Tucker) Darsing, both natives of Orange county, Vermont. Mrs. Darling had previously married John O. Booth, with whom she went to Lake county, Illinois, in 1835, but Mr. Booth died shortly after his advent there and in 1837, his widow married Charles Darling, who reached Lake county in 1836. In 1865, the couple came to Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Darling had procured a quarter section in the northwest corner of Scotch Grove township. Upon that farm they took up their residence and passed the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1873, but the mother survived almost twenty years, her death occurring in 1891.

Lewis Darling was reared at home and acquired his early education in the public schools, later attending the Monticello high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1870. Until 1873, he remained at home, associated with his father in his industries, and then in that year began farming for himself. For one season he operated the home place as a tenant and then, in 1874, purchased it and has made his home thereon for the past thirty-five years. It originally embraced one hundred and sixty acres on the northwest quarter of section 6, Scotch Grove township, but Mr. Darling added eighty acres of timber land on section 5 to it and then sold eighty acres which his father had procured, so that he now owns one hundred and sixty acres. The agricultural pursuits which he has carried on there have brought him such returns that he is well numbered among the substantial men of his locality.

In 1880 Mr. Darling wedded Miss Louisa Bobletter, of Scotch Grove township. To this union four children have been born: Ruth, who is a graduate of the Monticello high school and is now teaching in the Marion high school; Charles J., of Stanley county, South Dakota; and David E. and Arthur, who are at home.

Mr. Darling has given unqualified support to the republican party and is active in the local affairs of his township for he is now serving the second term as a member of the board of trustees and is secretary of the school board, to which body he has belonged for a considerable period. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Court of Honor

and the Mystic Workers of America. In the first mentioned he is especially prominent, belonging to the encampment and to the commandery. The record of his life, which is one of successful endeavor, and the part he has played in local affairs, which is marked by devotion to high ideals of honor and integrity, well entitles him to the respect he enjoys among the men who have come in contact with him in business or socially.

A. W. CRAMER.

A well improved farm comprising one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Castle Grove township, which is now the property of A. W. Cramer, has been in possession of the family since 1865. The parents, A. K. and Matilda (Pierce) Cramer, were both natives of New Jersey, whence the father went to Ohio in 1816, and purchased land, which he had to clear and on which he built a log cabin. He engaged in farming in that state until 1865 and in that year came to Jones county and purchased the farm on which the son now resides. His family numbered nine children, of whom five still survive. The father died on the home farm, November 20, 1875, and the mother, surviving for only about two years, was called to the home beyond on the 8th of December, 1877. Both were laid to rest in the Castle Grove cemetery.

A. W. Cramer was born during the residence of his parents in Trumbull county, Ohio, the date of his birth being April 30, 1846. His education was acquired in the schools of that district and he was a youth of nineteen years when the family came to Jones county. The country at that time bore little resemblance to this district at the present time. Then few settlements had been made, the homes were widely scattered and much of the land was still in its virgin state. In a few years, however, the settlers began to come in, take up land and build homes and today Jones county is one of the most prosperous and advanced counties of the state of Iowa. Mr. Cramer was active in helping his father to establish the home here and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then started out to make his own way in the world. After he had accumulated a sum of money sufficient to invest in property, he purchased the old homestead farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres, located on sections 11, 14, and 15, Castle Grove township, and to its care and cultivation he has since bent his energies. The place is supplied with good buildings and everything about the place is kept in good repair, indicating Mr. Cramer's progressive spirit.

Mr. Cramer was married April 27, 1876, to Miss O. E. Smith, who was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of S. H. and Margaret H. (Wilson) Smith, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, whence they removed to Iowa in 1857. After spending about two decades in this state, in 1877, they removed to Texas and there made their home until they passed away, the father dying in May, 1908, while the mother departed this life in December, 1905. Their family numbered twelve children, of whom ten are still living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cramer have been born six children: Fred C., who is still at home, has served as assessor of Castle Grove township for the past four years. Margaret M. is the wife of S. C. Pfeil, of this township. Elsie E. is the wife of William Heller and they make their home in Delaware county, Iowa. The fourth member of the family died in infancy. Eda M. is the wife of Professor J. G. Van Buren, who is now connected with the schools of Little Rock, Arkansas. Olive H., who is a graduate of the Monticello high school, is now engaged in teaching.

Mr. Cramer is a democrat in his political views and affiliations and has served as a member of the school board and in other minor township offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His record has been one of unremitting and tireless toil but through this means he has worked his way up until he has become one of the influential and substantial citizens of Jones county.

E. R. YOUNG.

E. R. Young, devoting his time and energy to agricultural pursuits, in which line of activity he is meeting with most gratifying success, was born in Jones county on the 24th of April, 1872, and is a son of James and Amanda (Prince) Young, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Reared under the parental roof he spent the period of his boyhood and youth amid the scenes and environment of rural life, and in the district schools near his home acquired his preliminary education, while later he supplemented that training by a course of study in a seminary at Epworth, Iowa. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the agriculturist. He gained thorough knowledge of the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and continued to give his father the benefit of his aid until thirty years of age, when he started out in the business world on his own account, operating one of his father's farms in the capacity of renter for about two years. He then purchased the farm and is now the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of valuable land located in Madison and Scotch Grove townships. He follows up-to-date and progressive methods in the conduct of his farming interests and his affairs are wisely and carefully managed, his diligence and perseverance being salient elements in the gratifying degree of prosperity which he today enjoys.

It was in 1901 that Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Gowan, who was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and was one of nine children born unto David and Elizabeth Gowan. The father is now deceased while the mother still survives and makes her home in Cherokee county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Young were born three children, namely: Eloise; Elizabeth; and an infant son. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which form the guiding influence in their lives.

In politics Mr. Young has followed the example set by his father and gives stalwart support to the prohibition party, doing all in his power to further its

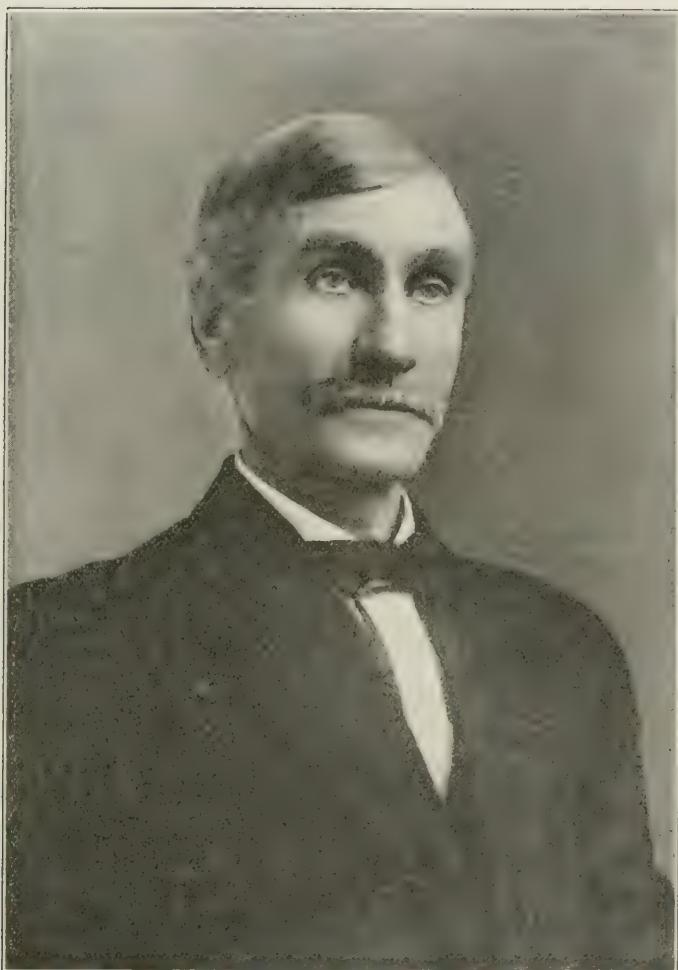
influence throughout the community. He is loyal and public-spirited in citizenship and is now serving efficiently as school director, while he has also served as county secretary, being elected on the prohibition ticket. Having passed his entire life within the borders of Jones county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and he has won the unqualified respect and good will of his fellowmen by reason of his many excellent traits of character. He is indeed a worthy son of an honored father and the consensus of public opinion accords him a high place among its valued and representative citizens.

S. E. RORICK.

S. E. Rorick, a retired farmer and banker, who is living in the enjoyment of a well earned rest in Oxford Mills, Oxford township, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 31, 1849. His parents, C. H. and Julia F. (Kimbball) Rorick, were natives of New Jersey, where they were reared and married, but in 1836, came west as far as Ohio, where they entered timber land and secured a farm. They built a log cabin as their first habitation in the new state, and after twenty years' residence there removed to Indiana, in 1856. Two years later they came to Iowa, locating in Jones county after a period of six months spent in Clinton county. Here the father engaged in agricultural pursuits, and here after many years of active labor his life was brought to a close. His wife also passed away in this county. Of the nine children born to them six now survive, bearing daily witness to the sturdy principles inculcated into them in their youth.

S. E. Rorick was reared at home, acquiring a fair education in the neighboring schools, and he worked upon the farm during his school days, so that he was well prepared through practical experience for the responsibilities of life. Until he became of age his father received the benefit of his labor, but after attaining his majority he commenced farming for himself. For six years he rented land in this county, but in 1884 went to Hand County, South Dakota, where he engaged in real-estate transactions. After an experience of one year, however, he returned to Jones county, engaging in the buying and selling of stock of all kinds. During the five years he devoted himself to operations of that kind he was able to purchase three hundred and twenty-three acres in Oxford township, on which he lived for ten years, or until 1900. During that time the fields brought forth bountiful returns for his endeavors, so that when he retired to Oxford Mills he was able to organize what was known as the Oxford Junction Savings Bank. But the active cares of life were becoming heavier as the years went by and in 1905, Mr. Rorick sold his interest in the institution and retired.

In the three score of years that have now measured his span of life, he has known many hardships and privations, but with determination, he faced his trials, and through unswerving devotion to what he believed to be his duty has at-



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tained to a position that is attended with the respect ever accorded to success and uprightness.

In 1876, Mr. Rorick wedded Miss Charity Green, who was born in Ohio in 1849. Her mother died when she was but a small child, but her father lived until 1884, when he too passed away. Five children were born to her parents, and through her marriage, Mrs. Rorick has become the mother of two—Cornelius H., who is at home, and Edna, who is deceased.

Politically Mr. Rorick has invariably given his support to the democratic party and while he has not been a seeker for office, he has served as trustee of his township off and on for the past twenty years and was twice nominated by his party for sheriff.

Although he does not affiliate with any church, his life has been ordered in accordance with Christian principles so that his success carries no bitterness with it. He belongs to the Oxford Junction Lodge, No. 435, A. F. & A. M., and to the Owls, being at present the treasurer of the local chapter of this latter body, a fact that bears additional testimony to the confidence, those who know him best place in his judgment and integrity.

ALEXANDER McKEAN, M. D.

Dr. Alexander McKean, deceased, who for eighteen years was prominently and successfully connected with the medical profession of Center Junction, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 22d of June, 1838, a son of James and Nancy J. (Smith) McKean. The parents, who were both natives of Ohio, came to Jones county in 1856 and located on a farm in Scotch Grove township, where both passed away. In their family were eight children but only one now survives.

Dr. Alexander McKean remained a resident of his native state until eighteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Jones county. Later deciding upon a medical career as a life work, he took a course of study at Rush Medical College, of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1864. Returning to Jones county he immediately began practicing in Center Junction, and for twenty-four years, or up to the time of his death, he followed his profession in that city, Onslow, Anamosa and Scotch Grove. During that period he worked up a large and successful practice which, as the years passed and his ability became recognized in the community, continually increased in volume and importance until he was the loved family physician in many households. He ever remained a student and kept in touch with the general trend of progress and improvement made by the medical fraternity through his reading and investigation, and everything that served to bring to man the secret of that complex mystery which we call life was of intense interest to him. He fully recognized the obligations which rested upon him in his chosen field of labor and he ever performed his duties in a conscientious and careful manner that won for him the high commendation and confidence of his fellowmen.

It was on the 24th of May, 1871, that Dr. McKean was united in marriage to Miss Delia A. Strohl, who was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, on the 10th of March, 1838. She was a daughter of John and Katherine (Beghler) Strohl, and was one of eight children born unto them, two of whom still survive. Her parents removed to Iowa in 1846 and here their remaining days were passed. Dr. and Mrs. McKean were both members of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder for eighteen years, and both were actively and helpfully interested in church work. He assisted in raising the money to purchase the organ and bell for the church in Scotch Grove. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic order, the Legion of Honor, and the Odd Fellows, and in these organizations was well known and active. On the 23d of February, 1891, he was called to his final rest and when he passed away Center Junction lost one of its respected, honored and valued citizens, who, during the period of his residence here had proved a factor for good in the life of the community. At the time of his death he was the owner of three sections of land in Texas and also of several acres of timber land in Jones county, and this property is now proving a source of revenue to his widow, who still survives and makes her home in Center Junction. She is a most estimable lady, who through her many good traits of mind and heart has gained an extensive circle of warm friends who hold her in high regard and esteem.

J. T. LANIGAN.

J. T. Lanigan, who for the past eight years has been the editor and proprietor of the Jones County Times, was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 12, 1867. His parents, Paul and Mary Lanigan, were natives of Ireland and emigrated to the United States in 1852. For many centuries the home of the Lanigan family was near Clonmell, Conn. Ti'etary, whence came the valiant men who thought it a sweet and appropriate thing to fight and die for their country. They resisted every encroachment upon their liberties, took part in every revolution stirred up for the liberty of Ireland, but the traits of characters that made them patriots centuries ago have made their descendants fine citizens of today. After coming to this county, Paul Lanigan engaged in farming in Butler county Ohio, winning a large measure of success in his vocation.

John T. Lanigan attended the Mason high school after he had completed the course of study in the common schools and then entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. Upon completing his work as a student he engaged in the profession of teaching, coming to Iowa in 1892. For four years he taught in the schools of Center township, Clinton county, and then entered the employ of Fay Brothers, publishers of the Clinton Advertiser. His duties at that time were manifold, he was solicitor of advertisements and of subscriptions, while he was also special correspondent and contributor. In 1901 he left their employ to purchase the Jones County Times, which he has since edited, bringing it up to a high standard as a reputable dispenser of news, increasing its circulation until it is a valuable advertising medium while through tersely written editorials making for

an advancement of the public thought. Success has attended his endeavors, as is indicated by the fact that he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hughes county, South Dakota, and an equal area in Finney county, Kansas.

A personal friend of William Jennings Bryan, he is a stanch supporter of the democracy advocated by that man, but he has steadfastly refused all nominations to public office. He has not, however, been wholly lacking in public spirit, for from 1893 to 1896 he served in Company L, First Regiment of Iowa National Guards. Religiously he affiliates with the Catholic church, that being the religion in which he was reared.

GEORGE WATT.

Few residents of Cass township more justly deserve the proud American title of a self-made man than does George Watt, who, starting out in life at the early age of thirteen years to earn his own livelihood, has gradually worked his way upward from a humble beginning to a place among the substantial and representative farmers of this township. Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 27th of October, 1848, he is a son of Andrew and Agnes (Henry) Watt, who spent the entire lives on the old Watt homestead known as Little Elrick Farm. The estate, which originally consisted of twenty acres but now includes thirty-six acres, has been in the family for many years and has been presided over by three generations of Andrew Watt, a brother of our subject by that name being the present owner.

George Watt, whose name introduces this record, was the seventh in order of birth in a family of five sons and five daughters, eight of whom still survive. All make their home in the old country with the exception of our subject. Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in his native land, he was early trained to agricultural pursuits and when only thirteen years of age started out alone in the business world as a farm hand. The two previous years were spent in herding sheep, and with the first money which he earned he purchased a lamb, which cost ten shillings or two dollars and fifty cents in American money. After starting out in his independent career as a farm hand he received but seventeen and a half dollars for his first six months and during the next six months was advanced to twenty-two and a half dollars, while during the entire period of his connection with agricultural pursuits in his native country he received only seventy dollars for the hardest year's work he ever did. He was engaged in this capacity until he reached years of manhood and then he learned, through an uncle who resided in Canada and had returned to the old country for a visit, that he could easily earn one hundred dollars per year as a farm hand in Canada. Consequently, in 1868, he bade adieu to friends and country and crossed the Atlantic, arriving in Ontario, Canada, with but ten dollars in his pocket. He immediately sought and obtained employment as a farm hand and was thus engaged for ten years in Ontario. He received sixteen dollars per month for the first six months, and that he was capable and efficient in the performance of his duties is indicated by the fact that he continued in the serv-

ice of one man for seven years. Hearing rumors of the greater opportunities for advancement in business lines in the United States, however, in 1878, he came to Iowa, locating in Jones county, where he purchased eighty acres of land which form the nucleus of his present possessions. He later purchased other property until today he owns a well developed and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and fifteen acres located on sections 3 and 4, Cass township, the place being known as the Hickory Grove Farm. The soil is naturally rich and fertile and responds readily to the care and attention bestowed upon it. In his business he has combined his sturdy Scotch characteristics with the spirit of American progress, and so as the years have come and gone he has met with a very substantial success which ranks him among the representative agriculturists of his section of the county. He has placed many modern improvements upon the farm, including an attractive twelve-room house, which was built eleven years ago, and a substantial barn, forty by seventy-two feet, erected in 1909, and the place is lacking in none of those things which go to make up a model farm. In connection with his general farming interests he engages to some extent in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding shorthorned cattle and Clydesdale horses. Both branches of his business are proving remunerative and he now enjoys a substantial annual income.

It was on the 15th of March, 1878, that Mr. Watt was united in marriage to Ellen S. Horn, who was born in Green Bank, Ontario, on the 24th of August, 1857, a daughter of Alexander and Ann (Dobson) Horn, natives of Scotland and Canada respectively. Unto this union have been born four children, namely: Agnes Ann, the wife of Ernest Condit, of North Dakota; Andrew, at home; Mabel, the wife of A. J. Lake, residing in Amber, Jones county; and Ella May, a student of Highland Park College, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Watt is a faithful and consistent member of the Cass Congregational church, and he gives stalwart support to the principles of the republican party. He has never sought nor desired party preferment, however, the only office which he has filled being that of school director. His record has been characterized by steady progress resulting from the wise and intelligent utilization of every opportunity that has come to him. He is numbered among those who left their native country to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption.

V. E. SOBOTKA.

Among those of foreign birth who have become prominent in the business circles of Jones county is numbered V. E. Sobotka, who conducts a clothing establishment in Oxford Junction. He was born in Bohemia, March 28, 1872, a son of John and Josephine Sobotka, who, likewise natives of that country, emigrated to the new world in 1880 and located in Jones county. To them were born seven children, of whom five still survive. The parents are now living in Oxford Junction.

V. E. Sobotka was a youth of seventeen years when he accompanied his parents to America. Upon their arrival in Jones country the son obtained work as a farm hand, being thus engaged for seven years. He then rented land for six years and subsequently engaged in the clothing business with his brother-in-law, Charles W. Vlach. After a time he purchased the interest of his partner and is now alone in business. He studies the needs and demands of his patrons and keeps on hand a full line of clothing, having one of the finest establishments of its kind in this section of Jones county, while his business methods are such as commend him to the good will and patronage of the public.

Mr. Sobotka was married October 4, 1899, to Miss Emma Vlach, who was born in Oxford Junction, a daughter of Emanuel and Mary Vlach, in whose family were three children. The father was born in Bohemia but the mother was born in Jackson county, Iowa, and both have departed this life. Mrs. Sobotka acquired her education in Oxford, completing the high school course. Later she engaged in teaching for three years prior to her marriage.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sobotka has been blessed with two daughters and a son, Loretta, Louise and Raymond. Mr. Sobotka is a democrat in his political views and is now serving his second term as councilman, and he is also a school director. He is a member of the Western Bohemia Brotherhood. Coming here a poor boy, unknown, and without even a knowledge of the English language, he has risen to a substantial place among the business men of Oxford Junction. His path was a hard one but by strict economy, perseverance and determination, it has led him to success.

RICHARD McQUILLEN.

Among the countless numbers who have answered the call of opportunity to the shores of the new world were the parents of Richard McQuillen. John McQuillen, his father, and Margaret Lang, his mother, grew to young manhood and womanhood among the green vales of Erin. When they came to America, both young people settled in Albany, New York, where they were soon united in marriage. The father was an engineer on the New York Central Railway, his route lying between Albany and Schenectady, New York. That was in the early '40s and the New York Central at that time could boast of only three engines. The one upon which John McQuillen plied the throttle lever was named the John Bull, but even this constant reminder of other days was unable to dampen the enthusiasm of the young Irishman for the country to which he had come.

Richard McQuillen was born in Albany, New York, May 1, 1843, and in 1846 the family came west to Jones county, Iowa, arriving here on the 4th of July. Iowa was still a territory at that time and the father bought a claim in Richland township, his son John residing on this land at the present day. Sadly enough the head of the family lived but two months after acquiring his homestead, his death occurring on the 23d of August, 1846. In his family were five sons: Bernard, deceased; George, deceased; John, who lives on the old

homestead in Richland township; Richard, the subject of the sketch; and Thomas, who is now located in Dubuque county, where he holds the position of county supervisor. The mother of these boys kept the family together and reared its members to manhood. This brave and dauntless woman lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years, her death occurring in September, 1889.

Richard McQuillen enjoyed the experience so interesting to the younger generation, used as it is to a more advanced civilization, of growing up in an old pioneer log cabin with its open fireplace and puncheon floor. He also acquired his education in a log cabin schoolhouse. In his tenth year he attended the Farm Creek district school, but in 1857 a log schoolhouse was erected in the district in which he was living. The McQuillen boys assumed many of the burdens and responsibilities which would naturally have fallen upon their father's shoulders and cooperated in the cultivation of the farm. They kept together until 1870, when George settled in Washington township, and in 1880 Thomas removed to Dubuque county, leaving Richard and John to their cooperative farming for another decade. In 1890 they divided the property and Richard took possession of a farm of his own, which consisted of three hundred and eighty acres, two hundred and sixty of which he had purchased two years previously. He also owns some three hundred acres in Washington township. He makes a specialty of pasturing and raising cattle and has extensive interests in that line.

Mr. McQuillen was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Winters, of Dubuque, March 31, 1891, and three sons have been born to them: John R., who is a student at St. Joseph's College in Dubuque; Charles T. and Francis J., who are at home.

Mr. McQuillen is a stanch member of the democratic party and for twelve years was actively identified with it as township trustee. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. He is recognized as one of the sound and influential men of his community.

CHARLES B. WAGGONER.

Charles B. Waggoner, who is residing on his well developed farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Jackson township, is one of the representative farmers of Jones county, as well as one of its best citizens. He was born in Hardin county, Ohio, September 15, 1838, a son of Anthony and Ruth (King) Waggoner, natives of France and New York state, respectively. Anthony Waggoner became a resident of New York state in boyhood and there learned the trade of a carpenter. After his marriage he emigrated to Ohio in search of better opportunities. He was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife when his son Charles B., their only child, was but two weeks old. Later, he married again and had three sons and three daughters, by that union. Losing his second wife, he married a third time, and his daughter by this union, Abiah, married Charles Waggoner, of Cedar Rapids, who although bearing the same name, is not a relative of the family as far as is known. After his second



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marriage, Anthony Waggoner moved to Iowa in 1854 and located on a farm in Jones county. His death occurred about 1899, when he was between seventy-five and eighty years of age.

Charles B. Waggoner was brought to Iowa by his father and step-mother and was reared to manhood in Jones county, having lived in Jackson township ever since coming to the state. His well developed farm of one hundred and sixty acres shows that his understanding of farming is complete, and the fine buildings on his property, all of which were put up by him, demonstrate that he is a carpenter as well as a farmer.

In 1863, Mr. Waggoner married Mary May, who was born in Lewis county, West Virginia, March 8, 1846, but was brought to Jones county, Iowa, in 1855 by her parents. She is a daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Erbach) May, natives of Germany, where they were married, later emigrating to the United States. They both died after coming to Jones county, Iowa. There were six sons and five daughters in their family. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have four children, as follows: Jacob, who lives four miles south of Anamosa; Frank, who lives in Jackson township; Walter, who lives in Anamosa; and Ruth, who is at home.

Mr. Waggoner is a republican, but, as his time has been so taken up with his agricultural duties, he has never aspired to public honors, preferring to lend his influence and exert himself for the good of the community simply as a private citizen. He and his family occupy an enviable position among their neighbors for they are well liked and held in gratifying esteem.

FRED PULESTON, M. D.

Among few of the professions of life are a broad outlook, a liberal education and wide experience so necessary to real success than in that of medicine and these attributes are possessed in their fullness by Dr. Fred Puleston, who about eight years ago commenced practice in Monticello. During this period he has won a patronage that compares favorably with that enjoyed by older men, while his success in treating the diseases of the ear, nose and throat, and affections of the skin and the nerves has spread beyond the confines of the city. He was born in Manchester, England, November 22, 1866, his parents being William and Jane (Thompson) Puleston, also natives of Manchester, where the father was well known as an extensive shipping merchant, and they spent their entire lives in their birthplace.

Fred Puleston was reared at home, acquiring his education in Owens College, now known as Victoria University. At the age of nineteen, he went to Africa on a hunting expedition, but his stay on that continent was prolonged until it covered a period of twelve years. During that time he became well acquainted with Stanley, the immortal explorer, and his party, accompanying them upon many of their trips into the interior and for four years he served as British consul to the dark land. Many were the exciting experiences he encountered in those years, for the country had not then become as well known

as it is at present, and when he returned to England he brought with him many trophies of his skill in the chase and relics of the native tribes he had visited. It was in 1887 that he went to his home and after a stay of one month there he came to the United States on a visit, as he thought, but to remain permanently, as it has proved. A sister whom he had not seen for nineteen years was living in Anamosa, Iowa, and when she heard that he had come to America she begged him to visit her, and then prevailed upon him to remain here.

About nine months after his arrival, Dr. Puleston took up the study of medicine and in the fall of 1897 entered the medical department of the Iowa State Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. During his period as a student, he had shown unusual adaptation for the profession so that he was made demonstrator of pathology and assistant demonstrator of anatomy, while to increase his efficiency as a practitioner he took a special course in bacteriology, so that he is now able to perform his own work in that department of his profession, a thing which few physicians are able to do. Immediately after his graduation Dr. Puleston opened an office in Monticello, making it one of the most complete in the county, for he intended building up a large practice. The years have proved that his ambitions have not failed of realization. His record at the college and the fact that he was made interne in the hospital during the last year of his work there, gave people confidence in his ability from the start, while his personality, his thoroughness, his ready sympathy and his skill in handling the cases brought to him, have won their increased regard. He makes a specialty of treating the ear, nose and throat, and of skin and nervous diseases, but he is also engaged in the general practice of medicine.

In 1895, Dr. Puleston returned to England from the African jungle to marry Miss Sarah Moseley Davis, of Manchester, England, who accompanied him when he went back to his work on the dark continent and then to America. Since he has become a resident of this state, Dr. Puleston has allied himself with the Iowa Legion of Honor and with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, while he keeps abreast with the advances made in his profession through his membership in the Jones County Medical Society and in the Iowa State Medical Society. Highly cultured, of broad interests and of wide experience, not only is he able to assist all those who entrust their physical well being to his care, but socially he is a great addition to the town.

WILLIAM J. STANTON.

Agricultural pursuits have characterized the efforts of William J. Stanton, a successful and enterprising farmer of Washington township, Jones county, whose birth occurred on the 31st of July, 1865, in Washington township, this county. He is the youngest son in a family of nine children born unto William and Mary Stanton, and he never saw his father, who died on the 24th of December, 1864. His entire life has been passed upon the old homestead in Jones county. He acquired his education in the district schools nearby and when

not busily engaged with his text-books assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He learned the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and by close observation gained thorough knowledge concerning the value of industry, diligence and perseverance, so that when the old home farm came into his possession he was well equipped to assume the practical and responsible duties that devolved upon him in that connection. The place consists of two hundred acres, all highly cultivated, upon which he has made many improvements, and it testifies in its well kept and attractive appearance to the industry and thrift of its owner. Everything about it indicates that he has kept in close touch with the modern spirit of progress and his well directed efforts and close application to business have gained for him a place among the substantial and prosperous farmers of the community.

On the 23d of October, 1895, Mr. Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Mahoney, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Mahoney, the former deceased and the latter now residing with our subject. By this marriage were born four children, namely: Mary Ann, born on the 11th of January, 1897; Joseph M., born on the 19th of October, 1899, his death occurring on the 15th of March, 1909; Mildred, born May 11, 1901; and Orland, born August 17, 1905.

Mr. Stanton holds membership in the Catholic church, the teachings of which form the guiding influence in his life, while politically he is a democrat and gives stalwart support to that party at the polls. He is not an aspirant for office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs, which, capably conducted, are proving a source of most gratifying prosperity.

Mrs. Stanton, the mother of our subject, recalls the time when, in 1859, a murder occurred in the vicinity of the old homestead and although not a witness of the crime, she saw the murderer soon afterward hiding in some hazel brush near the house and heard his confession. She advised him to give himself up to the authorities and take the consequence of his act. He followed her advice and was later acquitted by the jury.

MICHAEL FOUST.

Michael Foust, who is well known as one of the earlier settlers of Jones county, for he has resided in Scotch Grove township for fifty-nine years, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1842. His parents, Michael and Maria (Hipple) Foust, started upon their journey to the west in 1843, stopping for a time at Dunleath, Illinois, across the river from Dubuque. There the father died and later the family moved into Jackson county, Iowa. During the period of their residence there Mrs. Foust married Donald Livingston and in 1850 came with her family to Jones county. They located upon the farm in Scotch Grove township which Michael Foust owns today. It remained the home of his mother and stepfather throughout the remainder of their days.

Michael Foust was about eight years of age when his parents came to Scotch Grove township, so that it may be said that here he has passed all the years of his active life. He was reared at home and during his youth attended the common schools of his locality. He was early initiated into the work of the farm and through practical experience in its cultivation, gained an acquaintance with its peculiarities long before he purchased it from his stepfather. It is a tract of one hundred and twenty acres whose soil is well adapted for general farming which Mr. Foust has followed. While he has kept fully abreast of the times in his methods of tilling the soil, he has been more or less conservative, for his thorough knowledge of the character of his land, his wisdom, acquired through actual experience, in regard to farming in general, has made him slow to relinquish those habits which have brought him a large measure of success in the course of years. His fields, orderly and well cared for, are representative of the best agricultural property of his township, while the condition of his fences and buildings tells its own story of the good management which has played no small part in placing Mr. Foust among the substantial men of his locality. His industry has been the means of his success and his thrift has conserved where toil could do no more.

In his young manhood Mr. Foust wedded Miss Mary Baley, of Scotch Grove township, a daughter of John Baley, who came to Jones county from New York state. Five children have been born to the couple: Hattie, who is the wife of Spencer Giles, the principal of the Springville schools; Ella, who is unmarried and lives at home; John, of Springville, Iowa; Margaret, who is the wife of Harry Withem, of Madison township, this county; and Mary Ann, who is deceased. Mrs. Foust has also passed away, her death having occurred March 9, 1883.

Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of an American citizen, Mr. Foust has allied himself with the republican party, but has taken little part in the public life of his township, for he has considered that the example of his life, the lesson of its unremitting toil and its integrity of purpose were influence enough wielded in a community which regarded him as one of its honored members.

ANDREAS D. JANSEN.

When Andreas D. Jansen arrived in this country not only was he without money to start him on the road to success, but he was even in debt for expense of his passage. He is now one of the substantial farmers of Madison township, whose broad fields are the result of his own industrious efforts. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, October 19, 1862, and is a son of Hans and Marie (Dickson) Jansen, both natives of the same province of the fatherland. The father died in the land of his birth, but in 1885 Andreas Jansen returned to his old home and brought his mother to this country, where she died in May, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years.

Until he was sixteen years of age, Andreas D. Jansen remained under the care of his parents, obtaining a fair education in the public schools. At that early age he decided to leave his home and come to the new world, where it was said larger opportunities awaited the boy who knew how to grasp them. Accordingly in 1878 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He made his way almost immediately after landing to Bryant, Clinton county, Iowa, where he secured work as a farm hand, and then, two years later, in 1880, came to Jones county, where he worked by the month for a period of eight years. In 1888 he married and began life as an agriculturist. For seventeen years he rented land, and then having practiced strict economy, in 1905 he was able to purchase the Wasson farm in Madison township. It is a tract of one hundred and eighty acres, lying about a mile west of Onslow, and has been his home for the past four years. The soil naturally rich and arable, through careful cultivation has been made to produce most abundantly, so that Mr. Jansen has reaped harvests which have brought him renown as a tiller of the soil as well as an income which places him among the more prosperous men of his township. Industry has been largely accountable for this progress but not more so than has the good management which he ever showed in conserving his resources.

In 1888 Mr. Jansen wedded Miss Anna Von Spreecken, of Wyoming township, this county, but a native of Germany. Five children have been born of this union: Mary D., John C., Martha C., William T. and Frieda M. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and are rearing their family in that faith.

Politically Mr. Jansen inclines more to the democratic party than to any other, but he is liberal in his views, usually voting at local elections for men and measures as his judgment dictates, for being a man of progressive ideas he is anxious to see in office the best man who has the best interests of the community at heart. The home in which Mr. Jansen lives is one of the handsome country houses of Jones county and is but another indication of the success which he has won for himself, and which entitles him to be called a self-made man, an appellation that is highly esteemed by all citizens of this country, whether they be her native sons or those coming from foreign lands, who have sought to share in her bounty.

ARTHUR L. FAIRBANKS, JR.

Arthur L. Fairbanks, Jr., a successful farmer and prominent stockman of Castle Grove township, was born in Cass township, January 15, 1860, and is a son of A. L. Fairbanks, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared upon the home place, where he worked with his father until 1882, when he was married. About the 15th of January, 1883, he located on the farm where he now resides, and which has since been the scene of his labors. It consists of two hundred and ten acres on section 35, Castle Grove township, is well cultivated and improved with buildings of a high grade which

evince his progressive ideas in regard to his vocation. This farm, however, is but one of several tracts which Mr. Fairbanks owns, for he has one hundred acres on section 36, the same township, besides two farms, one of six hundred and forty acres—a whole section—in Adams county, North Dakota. The latter he purchased in 1906 from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and regards as a good investment. In Castle Grove township he makes a specialty of the raising of Aberdeen Angus cattle, having a herd of ninety registered animals, headed by Ruby Buster. These have been exhibited in the Wapsi Fair and in the fair at Monticello, where they were the recipients of many honors, for Mr. Fairbanks has never spared any effort to improve his breed and secure the best quality of cattle. He is a man whose industry is a prime factor in his success and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his township.

On the 22d of August, 1882, Mr. Fairbanks was united in marriage to Miss Maggie S. Black, who was born in Jones county, February 7, 1863, and is a daughter of T. K. and Susanna (Eberhart) Black, both now deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks. Allen T., the eldest, secured a homestead in Adams county, North Dakota, in 1907. A. Ray lives in Cass township and a sketch of him appears in another part of this volume. Gladys M. is in the third year of her course at Cornell College, and Blanche B., the youngest, in the second year of her course at that institution.

Although on national issues Mr. Fairbanks invariably allies himself with the republicans, he is independent in his political views as regards matters of local concern and votes for the men and measures he believes best for the advancement of the highest interests of the community. He keeps well informed in regard to matters of popular concern, and for six years as trustee assisted in guiding the township along a progressive course.

NATHAN BUNDY LATHROP.

Nathan Bundy Lathrop, owning and operating a well improved and productive farm of one hundred and seventy acres on section 31, Oxford township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Jones county, his birth having occurred in Oxford township, on the 3d of December, 1880. His father, Hon. George W. Lathrop, was born at Fremont, Ohio, on the 18th of March, 1836, and when four years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, the family home being established near Toronto. Two or three years later they took up their abode in Allen's Grove, Scott county.

In 1853, George W. Lathrop formed a partnership with his half brother, A. Courtright, for the conduct of a general mercantile establishment at Toronto, being thus identified with the business interests of the town for three years. On the expiration of that period they sold out the enterprise and, in association with their father, purchased the water power at Oxford Mills and erected a gristmill. George W. Lathrop was connected with the mill until 1868, at which time the property was sold to Robert McDonald. Subsequently he again entered mercantile circles, establishing a store at Oxford Mills, where he built up an exten-



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sive and profitable trade. It was through his influence that the branch line from Davenport was turned from its course, already surveyed through Lost Nation and Smithtown, to Oxford Mills and Oxford Junction. In 1882, he purchased a farm of four hundred acres south of the Mills, where he was extensively engaged in the raising of thoroughbred stock, including cattle, hogs and sheep, until the time of his retirement in December, 1903. His remaining days were spent in well earned ease at Oxford Junction, where he passed away on the 3d of December, 1907. A stanch republican in his political views, he always took a very active interest in the work of his party and was honored by election to the sixteenth and twenty-second general assemblies of Iowa. He also held many local offices within the gift of the people, ever discharging his official duties in a most efficient and highly satisfactory manner. The following is an extract from an obituary appearing in the Oxford Junction Mirror at the time of his demise: "He was a man of unusually generous impulses, always on the outlook for really helpful acts to be rendered his fellowman and among the first to discover and relieve want and grief where possible. He was the founder of the first mercantile establishment, the first gristmill, the importer of some of the finest breeds of live stock in this part of the country, and the primal cause for the existence of this city. He was an ardent supporter of our public school system and of his chosen political party, a man of the largest circle of acquaintances of any in this section, and a man whose loyalty to his town and state was never doubted." Uniformly loved, respected and honored, his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret and the community was deprived of one of its most influential and prominent citizens.

When a young man of twenty-four years, Hon. George W. Lathrop was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Amelia Noble, a native of New York and a daughter of Rev. Noble. Unto them were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Frank Noble, a resident of Martelle; James Howard, living in Pierre, South Dakota; Nathan Bundy, of this review; and Gladys Marie, the wife of John Stuhr, of Oxford township. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in May, 1901.

Nathan Bundy Lathrop, who has lived in Jones county from his birth to the present time, remained under the parental roof until he was married, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist through the assistance which he rendered his father in the work of the home farm. He is now the owner of one hundred and seventy acres of rich and arable land on section 31, Oxford township, annually gathering bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He makes a specialty of propagating seed corn and in addition to his farming interests is also engaged in the raising of stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 31st of December, 1903, Mr. Lathrop was united in marriage to Miss A. Maude Lyons, whose birth occurred in Center Junction, Iowa, on the 31st of January, 1880. Her parents, Robert and Sarah (Barnhill) Lyons, are now

residents of Plainview, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop now have a son, Robert Wendell, and a daughter, Ruth Mildred. They lost one child, who died in infancy. Mr. Lathrop gives unfaltering allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed young people of the community, having won the kindly regard and friendship of all with whom they have been associated.

IVES D. TERWILLIGER.

Among the many men who left the east and came to Jones county when they were desirous of securing a home of their own, may be numbered Ives D. Terwilliger, who for the past twenty-four years has been a resident of Lovell township. A native of the state of New York, he was born in Cortland county, January 27, 1854, his parents being Lewis and Lucy (Briggs) Terwilliger, both natives of the same state. The mother died when her son was but four years old, and the father survived only until he was eleven. A year after his wife's death, however, Mr. Terwilliger broke up housekeeping and Ives D. found a home with a Mr. Hammond, with whom he remained until his fourteenth year. For the five subsequent years he worked for various farmers in the locality of his birth, and then, at the age of nineteen, started upon his journey to the west.

He stopped first in Boone county, Illinois, where he spent the greater part of three years, working in the store of an uncle in Belvidere. In 1876 he came to Iowa, locating in Boone county, where he found employment for two years as a farm hand. At the expiration of that period he returned to New York state, but after a few months' sojourn there started upon his second western journey, following roughly the same line of travel as on the previous trip, for he spent some time in Illinois before he came to Iowa again. He lived for one year in Sac county, after reaching this state and then in 1882 came to Jones county, locating in Monticello, where he found employment in a mercantile establishment and later with the Diamond Creamery Company. It was in 1885, after his marriage that he engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county for a number of years operating rented land belonging to his father-in-law, and then in 1901 purchasing the farm. In consequence, for a period of almost a quarter of a century it has continuously been his home and has been the scene of those exertions which have been so well repaid that he is now numbered among the successful men of his locality. His place embraces one hundred and fifty-three and a half acres, and while other farms may exceed it in area, few can equal it in the fertility which makes possible the plentiful harvests, for which Mr. Terwilliger has attained a reputation.

On the 9th of June, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Terwilliger and Miss Flora P. Hall. She is a daughter of David M. Hall, who came to Jones county from New Hampshire in 1863, and took up his residence in Lovell township, where he became one of the substantial agriculturists. Three

sons have been born of this union: David M., Lewis D. and Burgess H. The eldest is now attending the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, while the two younger are pupils in the high school at Monticello and live at home.

Mr. Terwilliger gives unqualified support to the republican party, finding himself in agreement with the principles expressed in its platform, but is not active in political matters. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of Root Camp, No. 282, and with the Mystic Workers of the World, as a member of Lodge No. 159. With his wife he belongs to the Presbyterian church. Progressive in his ideas, hardworking to a high degree, and guiding his life by strong principles of honor, he has every reason to be gratified by the success which has come to him from his many years of toil, all the more so since he is aware that it represents his own efforts, for he was compelled to start in life for himself at an age when many another boy gives little thought to the real responsibilities of life.

EDWARD McCANN.

Edward McCann, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Greenfield township, Jones county, was born at Mount Vernon, Iowa, June 2, 1859, a son of Michael and Johanna (Colbert) McCann, who came to Iowa in the year 1851. He was one of a family of five children born unto this worthy couple, the others being: John, who died in infancy; Margaret, who passed away at the age of fifteen years; Daniel, a twin brother of our subject, residing in Greenfield township; and Michael, living on the old homestead farm.

Edward McCann spent the first two years of his life in the city of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Boone county, Iowa, in 1861. In the following year the family returned to Linn county, where they remained until 1865, when they came to Greenfield township, locating on what is now known as the McCann homestead, owned by Michael McCann, a brother of our subject. On this farm Mr. McCann spent the years of his boyhood and youth, attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education, while he devoted the periods of vacation to the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He continued to reside upon the old homestead until 1882, in which year he went to Sac county, Iowa, but after three years returned to the old homestead in Greenfield county, where he remained until 1887. He then removed to section 20, Greenfield township, where he had purchased the farm which is now his home and upon which he has resided continuously since with the exception of four years spent in Martelle. The farm, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres, is a well kept place, indicating in its appearance the progressive and up-to-date methods of its owner, who has made a close study of agriculture and knows the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and the proper care of same.

On the 31st of May, 1888, Mr. McCann was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Kerwin, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Dawling) Kerwin, both

natives of Ireland. Mrs. McCann, who was born in 1863, is the eldest in a family of six children, the other members being: John, who resides near the old homestead in Cedar county; Elizabeth, who died at the age of seven years; Annie, who passed away when five years old; Richard, who makes his home with his mother on the old homestead in Cedar county; and Lizzie, also still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerwin, as also did the parents of Mr. McCann, came to this county empty-handed, but through industry, thrift and perseverance, have secured a substantial home of their own. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCann has been blessed with two children: Lucian H., aged eighteen years; and Willard L., aged thirteen years. Both have attended the public schools of Greenfield township and Martelle, while the elder son has pursued a course in music and voice culture, in which he shows considerable ability and in which he has made rapid progress. The family belong to the Catholic church at Lisbon, Iowa, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of their lives.

The parents are both members of the Mystic Toilers, No. 138, of Martelle, while Mr. McCann gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He was trustee of Greenfield township for six years, was treasurer and member of the board for eighteen years, and during his four years' residence in Martelle served as a member of the town council. The success which Mr. McCann today enjoys is not due to his own industry and energy entirely, but also to a great extent to the thrift and careful management of his esteemed wife. They are people of high standing in the community in which they reside, are sociable and hospitable to an eminent degree and by their many excellent traits of character have gained the respect and high regard of an extensive circle of warm friends.

H. L. BATCHELLER.

H. L. Batcheller, one of the older representatives of farming in Oxford township, was born in New Hampshire, October 3, 1837, a son of James and Amanda M. (Brown) Batcheller, who were likewise natives of that state, and there the father passed away. Subsequently the mother, in 1849, came west with her family, which consisted of five children, of whom three survive. She, too, has departed this life, her death occurring in Cedar county, this state, where she located upon her arrival in the west.

H. L. Batcheller was a lad of twelve years when he was brought to Iowa, and his education, which was begun in the common schools of the east, was continued in the schools of Iowa. He remained with his mother, giving her every aid and assistance possible, until he attained his majority, when he started out to make his own way in the world. He first broke prairie with ox teams, this claiming his attention for some time. He established a home of his own in 1858 by his marriage to Miss Mary Jane Patrick. He was married a second time, in 1862, to Miss Louise Rogers, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio, a daughter of Chauncey and Nancy (Pike) Rogers. They took up their abode in

Clinton county, Iowa, in 1851, but later removed to Jones county, where they both passed away.

Following his second marriage Mr. Batcheller engaged in teaming, which he followed for thirteen years and he now operates one hundred acres of land, which he owns, this being located in Oxford township. He has his place improved with good buildings, while the soil has been made to yield good crops through the attention he gives to it each year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs Batcheller have been born six children, but four are deceased. One daughter and one son survive: Charlotte A., the wife of George Coker, a resident of Jones county; and Frank, who also makes his home in this county. Mr. Batcheller gives his political support to the men and measures of the democracy but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to live a quiet life. He is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 435, at Oxford Junction, while his wife is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. From an early age heavy responsibilities have rested upon him, since he was deprived of a father's care when only about twelve years of age. He has, however, brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by determination and energy and his excellent farm is the evidence of his well spent life.

JOHN McQUILLEN.

John McQuillen, one of the wealthy farmers of Richland township, was born in Albany, New York, September 23, 1841, and is a son of John and Margaret (Lang) McQuillen, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Richard McQuillen on another page of this volume. He was but five years of age when his parents came to Jones county, and can well remember the early years of their life here, where their first shelter from the elements was a rude log cabin. The school in which he was a pupil was also housed in a building of logs, but he maintains that even more valuable lessons were learned there than in the more commodious and handsomely fitted schoolhouses of the present. For two terms he was also a student at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Naturally he early assumed some of the responsibilities of the operation of the farm, and united with his brothers in lifting the heavy burden from the shoulders of their mother, whose lot would have been severe enough under the best of circumstances, but was especially difficult at that early date. The brothers remained together until 1870, when the family circle was broken through George's removal to another township, and then in 1890 the property was divided, John McQuillen acquiring the homestead. He has added to it in the last twenty years, so that it now embraces four hundred and forty-four acres, a tract of land that is excellently well adapted to general farming, which he pursues. In addition to his purely agricultural interests, Mr. McQuillen has engaged to some extent in the breeding of registered shorthorn cattle and has found this branch of his business very lucrative. Indeed, as the result of his earnest toil, his application and the habits of economy and foresight which he learned early in his youth he has

become one of the most substantial and widely respected representatives of his calling in Richland township.

In 1891, Mr. McQuillen married Miss Elizabeth Lawler, of Monticello, Iowa. Six children have been born to the couple, and four survive. They are: Margaret Ann, Henry Albert, William Satolli and Mary Josephine, all at home. The family are devout members of the Catholic church, while Mr. McQuillen is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Politically he has ever given his support to the democratic party, and as trustee and one of the school board he has rendered efficient service to the township. The former office he held through three or four terms, and his administration was distinguished by those qualities of integrity and high principles which have marked the course of his private life.

GEORGE W. JAMES.

George W. James, familiarly known as General James, is one of the prominent and prosperous agriculturists and stock raisers of Jones county and owns an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Madison township. He was born close to the Virginia and Maryland line on the 7th of September, 1844, his parents being Walter and Susanna (Ault) James. They came to Iowa in 1855, taking up their abode in Canton, Jackson county, where the father was employed in a sawmill for about two years. At the end of that time he made his way to this county, locating on a farm in Madison township, one mile west of the present home place of our subject. His property comprised two hundred and ten acres, in the cultivation and improvement of which he was actively and successfully engaged until he put aside the work of the fields and took up his abode in Wyoming, where his remaining days were spent. He had attained the ripe old age of eighty-four years when called to his final rest and had long been numbered among the most substantial and respected residents of his community. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he had no desire for the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his private affairs. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they took an active and helpful interest.

George W. James was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the district schools. On the 15th of August, 1862, when not yet eighteen years of age, he enlisted in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. He was wounded at Winchester on the 19th of September, 1864, and was confined in a hospital at Philadelphia for about two months, at the end of which period he rejoined his regiment. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, on the 15th of August, 1865, and returned home with a most creditable military record, having never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. He was married in 1866 and established his home on his present farm in Madison township, though at that time it comprised but eighty acres. He had purchased this property a short time prior to his mar-



MR. AND MRS. G. W. JAMES

riage and it has continued his place of residence to the present time. He has, however, extended the boundaries of the farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, which annually yields bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon it. He feeds all of his grain to stock and raises shorthorn cattle on an extensive scale, being very successful in this line of activity. The prosperity which he now enjoys is but the merited reward of his untiring industry and capable management and he is well entitled to recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the county.

Mr. James has been married twice. In 1866 he wedded Miss Phoebe Richardson, of Madison township, Jones county, by whom he had four children, two of whom still survive, as follows: Raleigh, who follows farming in Kossuth county, Iowa; and Walter, a commercial salesman of Chicago, Illinois. The mother of these children passed away in 1874 and subsequently Mr. James was again married, his second union being with Miss Carrie B. Burch, of Madison township, this county. Unto them have been born nine children, namely: Lee R., a commercial salesman residing in Cedar Rapids; Viola M., who married James C. Glenn; Florence E., a dressmaker of Wyoming; James, a resident of Cedar Rapids; and Cora B., Ethel M., George E., Raymond F. and Hazel B., all of whom are at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. James has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought office as a reward for his fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. A resident of the county for more than a half century, he is widely known within its borders and the sterling qualities which he has displayed in his social and business relations have gained him a high place in the regard and good will of his fellow-townsmen.

EDWARD STOCKTON STONE.

Edward Stockton Stone, whose orderly progression in business circles has brought him to a prominent place in the ranks of Anamosa's merchants, is now proprietor of a jewelry store, which carefully managed is bringing to him substantial success. He was born at Garden Plain, Whiteside county, Illinois, June 11, 1869, and is a son of Dr. Elijah D. and Esther K. (Cook) Stone, who were natives of Vermont and Indiana respectively. They were married, however, in Illinois and resided in Garden Plain for a number of years or until the father's death, which occurred in 1880, when he was sixty-five years of age. He had practiced medicine in Whiteside county for about forty years and had enjoyed a large practice. While he received the patronage of many of the most substantial families of the county he never refused to answer a call from the poor, even when knowing that no financial remuneration could be expected. He was a true friend to humanity and the world is better for his having lived. After his death the family removed to Morrison, Illinois.

Dr. Stone was twice married, his first wife being Amanda Stockton, by whom he had two children: Alice, who is now the wife of Charles Baird, of Laporte City, Iowa, and by whom she has seven children, Fred, Susy, Roy, Cance, Fay, Paul and Louise; and Amanda, who married Edward M. Spangler, of Ames, Iowa, and has six children, Mabel, Myrtle, George, Julia, Boyd and Leland. For his second wife Dr. Stone married Mrs. Esther (Cook) Kilgore, the widow of David Kilgore, by whom she had two daughters, Lizzie, who is now the wife of H. L. Collins, of Greenville, Iowa, and has five children, Edda, Florence, Frank, Grace and Orville; and Katherine, who is the wife of F. W. Watts, of North Platte, Nebraska, and has six children, Milo, Sylvia, Thomas, Ruth, Olive and Archie.

Of the children born to Dr. Elijah D. and Esther (Cook) Stone, George died in boyhood. Ira D., who married Beulah Cavanaugh, is a Congregational minister and has held charges in Chicago and Batavia, Illinois, and is now located at Pecatonica, that state. Edward S. and his twin sister Edda are the next of the family. The latter is now the wife of S. M. Ladd, a jeweler of Morrison, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Marguerite. Julia L., the youngest of the family, was married September 1, 1907, to A. M. Tinker, of Clinton, Iowa, and about three years later removed to Des Moines, where he was employed as a commercial traveler. The mother made her home with Mrs. Tinker, to whom largely fell the care and responsibility of looking after her in her later years, but it was a willing service lovingly rendered which gave the mother the constant care that she needed during the last six months of her illness. Upon this altar of love she sacrificed her own life, for about a month after the death of the mother, it was necessary for Mrs. Tinker to undergo an operation, from which she never recovered, dying February 22, 1908. She left one son, Harold. Mrs. Stone passed away September 18, 1907, in Des Moines.

Edward S. Stone was only eleven years of age at the time of his father's death. He accompanied his mother on the removal to Morrison, Illinois, where he was reared, and in the public and high schools of that place he pursued his education. At the age of seventeen years he began learning the jeweler's trade under the direction of S. M. Ladd, with whom he remained for three years. He then embarked in business on his own account at Charlotte, Iowa, where he remained for about a year, and in 1880 removed to La Harpe, Illinois, where he held a position for about a year. Later he pursued a course of study in watch work and engraving in the Horological School of Chicago. In 1892 and 1893, he was engaged in business at Rock Falls, Illinois, but disposed of his interest there early in 1894. For several years he occupied positions in jewelry stores in different places, including Jerseyville, Illinois; Oregon, Illinois; Hamilton, Ohio; Junction City, Kansas; Battle Creek, Michigan; Freeport, Illinois; Worcester, Massachusetts; Brocton, Massachusetts; and Bloomington, Illinois.

In the spring of 1902 he came to Anamosa to accept a position with L. E. Tucker and about six months later bought out his employer and has since engaged in business on his own account. He moved to his present location about 1905 and is here conducting a leading jewelry store, having a large and well selected line of jewelry, precious stones, watches and other goods found in an establishment of this character. He also carries china, cut glass and optical goods.

He has made a close study of the optical science and his knowledge thereof makes him thoroughly competent to correct defects in and benefit the sight. He conducts his business on a strictly reliable basis, in harmony with a high standard of commercial ethics and by his square dealing and energy has won the success which he is now enjoying.

Mr. Stone is very happy in his home life. On the 19th of October, 1905, he wedded Ethel Reed, a daughter of Jonathan and Laura (White) Reed, who were natives of Indiana and in early life removed to Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as an elder and treasurer, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Globe and with Anamosa lodge of the Mystic Workers. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, but while he neither seeks nor desires office he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and does all in his power to promote the best interests of the community. His record as a man and citizen is an honorable one and it has brought to him the high respect which is uniformly accorded him. With his varied experience and close application to his line of work, he has skilled himself in his profession. He has filled positions of trust and obtained the confidence of the people with whom he has mingled. A growing patronage shows that the people of Jones county and vicinity appreciate to some extent honest, upright, conscientious business men, of whom Edward S. Stone is a fair type.

JOHN LLEWELLYN PROUTY.

The loyalty of John Llewellyn Prouty to Jones county is eloquently attested by the fact that he has chosen to live all his life here with the exception of two years which he spent in Texas. He was born in Clay township on the 4th of March, 1856, and the significance of the date has caused some of his admiring friends to believe that he is yet destined to occupy the presidential chair. He is the son of Alonzo and India Ann (Harris) Prouty, both natives of Knox county, Ohio, where they were married and about 1850 came to Iowa, locating in Clay township, Jones county. His grandfather, Abijah Prouty, was associated with the father in entering some four hundred acres of land on the Maquoketa river. All of the open prairie land to the west of them, unsettled as it was, did not attract them, for they were impressed with the idea that they could not live away from the timber. The land was secured in the grandfather's name and was entered from the government at one dollar and a quarter an acre. Here both the father and grandfather lived until the time of their death.

When a lad of fourteen years, John L. Prouty went to work as a farm hand in the winter, availing himself of the schooling afforded by the district in which he lived. In the fall of 1876, when twenty years of age, he went to Texas, where he spent the two years before alluded to and then returned to Jones county. In 1881 he bought a threshing machine, which was a horse power machine and later he became the owner of the first steam thresher brought to this section of country, and for twenty-five years he followed threshing as a pursuit.

In 1890 he removed to Scotch Grove and engaged in the horse breeding business. His residence there lasted for some twelve years, at the end of which time he began buying land where he now lives and which served as the nucleus of his present homestead. He now owns one hundred and ninety acres and very properly congratulates himself that some of it was bought decidedly at a bargain.

Mr. Prouty was married October 27, 1906, the lady who became his wife being Miss Frances Breeden, of Jackson county. He is republican in politics and is a prominent member of Monticello Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F. Mr. Prouty is one of the substantial and influential men of Scotch Grove township and has taken an active part in the growth and development of Jones county for over half a century.

CHARLES S. AMES.

Charles S. Ames, the enterprising and progressive proprietor of a successful livery business in Wyoming, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Clay township, Jones county, on the 19th of October, 1856. The father, Joseph P. Ames, who claimed Vermont as the place of his nativity, went to Morgan county, Ohio, at an early date, and there engaged in the occupation of farming until 1853. In that year he came to Jones county, Iowa, locating in Clay township where he entered eighty acres of land on section 19. On that farm, to which he later added an additional tract of one hundred acres, he spent his remaining days, becoming a very successful farmer and business man. A republican in politics, he was called to fill various township offices and became well known throughout the community as a public-spirited citizen. He passed away in 1887 at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Ann Piper, was born in Licking county, Ohio, and in the faith of the Baptist church passed away in 1897 at the ripe old age of eighty years. In their family were seven children, as follows: Adeline, who passed away in infancy; Mary and Alva, both deceased; Horace, residing in Wyoming; Aurilla, the deceased wife of Joseph Orr; Charles S., of this review; and Lewis, also deceased.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, Charles S. Ames acquired his education in the district schools of Clay and Scotch Grove townships and when not engaged with his text-books assisted in the work of his father's farm. There amid the activities of rural life he learned lessons concerning the value of industry, integrity and perseverance, and soon became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. The early years of his business career were devoted to agriculture. He assumed the management of the home farm, a half of which later came into his possession, so that he now owns ninety acres of valuable land in Scotch Grove township. He continued to engage in general farming until 1904, when he retired from that line of activity and came to Wyoming, where he turned his attention to carpentering. He was thus connected until March, 1909, when he purchased the livery stable of Edward Barber and has since concentrated his energies upon the con-

duct of a prosperous and constantly increasing trade. He owns some very fine horses and modern and up-to-date vehicles and the excellence of his equipment, combined with the prompt service which he renders his patrons and the honest and business-like methods which he employs have gained him a most satisfactory and remunerative trade.

In 1880 Mr. Ames was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Baldwin, who was born in New York in 1860, and unto this union have been born two children: Arthur L., born on the old homestead in 1880, who wedded Edith Howard by whom he has one child, Charles Howard Ames; and Ada I., born in 1890, who graduated from the Wyoming high school in June, 1909, and still resides under the parental roof. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church while fraternally Mr. Ames belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and also to the Mystic Workers.

His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party, and during his residence in Scotch Grove township he was called to fill various township offices, a fact which indicates the high regard in which he was held by his fellow citizens. Since residing in Wyoming he has become well known throughout the community for his many excellent traits of character and the public spirit which he manifests in all matters pertaining to the general welfare and progress has won him rank among the valued representatives of Jones county.

J. R. ZINN, JR.

J. R. Zinn, Jr., deceased, was for two years prominent in the business circles of Oxford Mills successfully conducting the milling interests of this place. He was born in Pennsylvania, September 20, 1851, a son of Jacob R. and Elizabeth (Emig) Zinn, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, and there they also passed away.

J. R. Zinn, one of nine children born of his father's marriage, was reared in his native state and acquired his education in the common schools. During the period of his boyhood and youth he learned the milling business and in 1877, seeking the broader opportunities of the west, he removed to Russell county, Kansas, remaining in that state two years, when he took up his abode in Cedar county, Missouri, where he lived until 1895. In that year he came to Oxford Mills and purchasing the mill at this place conducted it until his death, which occurred on the 23d of December, 1897. Although his residence here was of short duration, he made many friends, while his business interests were conducted in such a straightforward manner as to commend him to the good will and patronage of the public.

It was while still a resident of the east that Mr. Zinn was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Amanda L. Boyer, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Solomon and Louise (Lenhart) Boyer, who were also natives of that state. The father, who was born in 1819, departed this life December 3, 1908, when he had reached the extreme old age of eighty-nine years. His wife preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring October 29, 1889, when in her

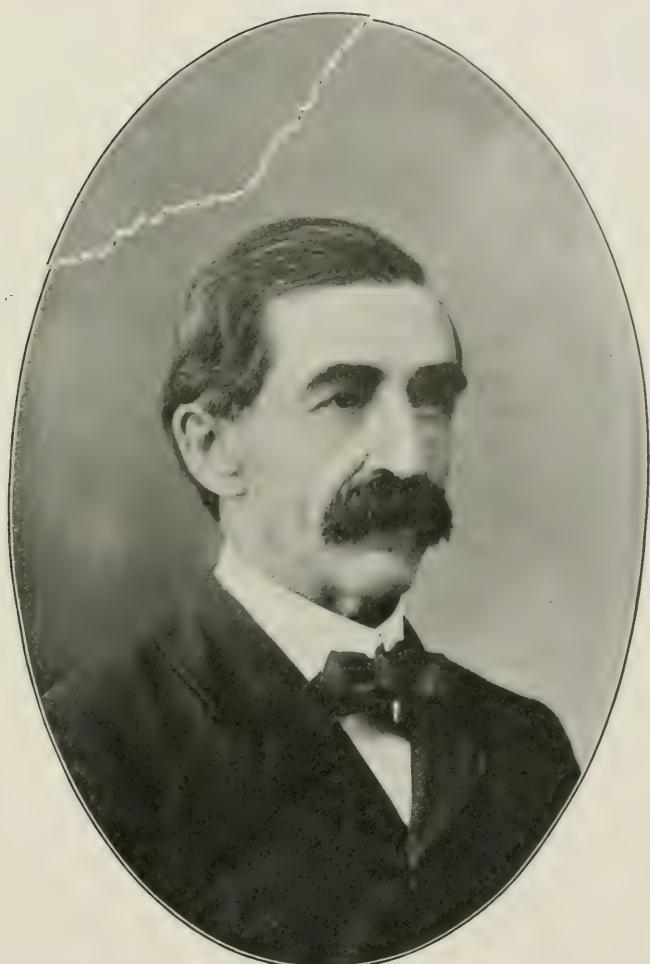
seventy-ninth year, for her birth occurred December 17, 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer's family numbered three children: Elwin, deceased; Aaron, still a resident of Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Zinn.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Zinn were born eight children, namely: Harry A., a resident of Anamosa, Iowa; Kathryn, at home; George S., who has passed away; Nettie E., the wife of Charles Brink, a resident of Sioux county, Iowa; Frank E., who makes his home in Oxford Junction; Charles A., at home; and J. W. and Marian B., who have passed away. Mr. Zinn was a democrat in his political belief but was never active as an office seeker. He belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge at Eldorado Springs, Missouri, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the German Reformed Lutheran church, in the faith of which he passed away at a comparatively early age, being but forty-six years old at the time of his death. He was a man of excellent habits, possessing unquestionable integrity, and was most devoted to his family. Mrs. Zinn, who is a member of the German Lutheran church, occupies a fine residence in Oxford Mills, where she enjoys the friendship of a large circle of people.

BENJAMIN HUBER MILLER.

Benjamin Huber Miller, whose name is inscribed high on the roll of leading and successful lawyers, practicing at the Jones county bar, was born in Rome township, this county, April 10, 1845. His father, Jacob Miller, was born in Virginia, December 23, 1799, and was descended from German ancestry. In the year 1803, his parents removed from the Old Dominion to Ohio, being among the pioneers who aided in reclaiming that state for the purposes of civilization. Having arrived at years of maturity, Jacob Miller wedded Miss Mary Keller, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 12, 1802. Her father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and her parents removed to Ohio in 1803. It was in September, 1844, that Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller came to Iowa, spending their remaining days in Jones county, where the father died when almost eighty-two years of age, while the mother survived to the remarkable old age of ninety-two years, four months and eleven days. Their family numbered seven sons and three daughters, of whom Judge Miller is the youngest. He and his brother Levi K. are now the only survivors of the family.

In the public schools Judge Miller pursued his education and has always given considerable attention to historical and scientific research. He is practically a self-made man, his wide reading, comprehensive study and keen observation bringing to him knowledge that most men acquire in college life. His youthful days were passed on the farm and following his graduation from the high school of Lisbon, Iowa, he engaged for a few years in teaching in the country schools. He then turned his attention to the drug business, in which he engaged for eight years. Like most boys in pioneer communities he had little ambition in any particular line save to accumulate sufficient property for comfortable existence but as he passed on in life each forward step brought him a wider outlook and broader opportunities which he has improved to good advantage.



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until he now occupies a creditable position as a representative of the Iowa bar. He was engaged in the drug business for eight years and then turned his attention to the profession of law. At the bar he has been an earnest worker for the success which only follows careful preparation, comprehensive and accurate knowledge and thorough understanding of legal principles in relation to the points in litigation. The early cases with which he was connected served to indicate to the public something of his ability which has developed as the years have gone by through the exercise of his talents in the work of the courts. Gradually he secured a good clientele which constantly developed in volume and importance and later he was honored with political preferment in the line of his profession, being elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district, his service on the bench continuing from the 1st of January, 1903, until the 1st of January, 1907. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and manifest, his unfaltering fidelity to the highest standards of the calling to which life, liberty and justice must look for protection. On his retirement from the bench he resumed private practice and the clientele accorded him is now extensive.

The first office to which Judge Miller was ever called was that of justice of the peace, his service as such being in both Cedar and Jones counties. He has likewise been honored with the mayoralty of Olin and Anamosa and in each instance gave a business-like administration characterized by substantial reform and improvement. He has also been a member of the board of education of Olin and of Stanwood and in all of his public service has been actuated by a conscientious desire to further the interests of the public through the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties. His service as a member of the board of education covered more than a quarter of a century and he has always been recognized as a stalwart champion of the public schools. He is not, however, a politician in the sense of office seeking, believing that the positions should seek the man rather than the man the position and his elections have come as the free will offering of a people who have recognized his ability and sought the benefit of his services. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democracy.

Judge Miller was married at Anamosa, September 12, 1869, to Miss Eva Foreman, whose parents settled in Jones county in 1844, near the home of the Miller family. Her father was born in Kentucky and her mother in Virginia and after living for some years in Indiana, they became residents of Iowa. Mrs. Miller was born in Jones county and is exactly one year her husband's junior. The children of this marriage are six in number: Merton M.; Earl F., who wedded Myrtle E. Olmstead and has one son, Chester E.; Harry W.; Mabel E., now deceased; Luelle B., who married Frances Fisher and has one child, Mary Evelyn; and Ruby A.

Judge Miller is a prominent Mason and is in hearty sympathy with its basic belief and principles concerning the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He became a member of the order when twenty-one years of age and is now affiliated with Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., at Olin, of which he served for ten years as master. He is also a member of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M., of Anamosa and Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T., of Anamosa. His membership also extends to El Kahir

Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids and De Molay Consistory, No. 1, S. P. R. S., at Clinton, Iowa. He is also a member of Sumner Lodge, No. 92, K. P., at Anamosa and is now chief grand tribune of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias in the domain of Iowa. He belongs to both the local and state bar associations and thus keeps in close touch with the members of the profession. He has been called upon to deliver many public addresses of a political or other nature and his masterly handling of his subject is indicative of his broad reading and his wide general information. He takes to himself no credit for what he has accomplished but the consensus of public opinion classes him with the representative and prominent men of Jones county.

HANRY A. ZINN.

Hanry A. Zinn, president of the Electric Light & Power Company of Anamosa, is numbered among the representative business men of the city, whose efforts are a potent force in the commercial development and progress here. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1872, his parents being J. R. and Alminda (Boyer) Zinn, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. On leaving that state in 1877, they removed to western Kansas, where they lived for about three years, and then became residents of Missouri, where they continued to reside until coming to Jones county, Iowa, in 1895. The father died in 1897 at the age of forty-six years and is still survived by the mother, who now resides at Oxford Mills, this county.

Hanry A. Zinn spent his youthful days under the parental roof, his time being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. On attaining his majority he left home and started in the business world on his own account. He sought and secured employment with the Dubuque Milling & Turbine Company, remaining with them for about seven months, after which he engaged with the firm of Barnard & Lees at Moline, Illinois. There he remained for three years, after which, in company with his father, he engaged in the milling business at Oxford Mills, Jones county, under the firm name of J. R. Zinn & Son. His previous experience had well qualified him for work of this character and his practical training and business enterprise proved forceful elements in the success of the enterprise. Soon after the business was established, however, the father died and Mr. Zinn continued to operate the mill alone until 1900. In that year, he and his brother, F. E. Zinn, organized what was known as the Electric Light & Power Company, the plant being located at Oxford Mills and furnishing outside light and power to Oxford Junction and Wyoming. This undertaking proved a profitable venture and led Hanry A. Zinn to extend his efforts into other fields. In 1902 he organized what is known as the Oxford Junction Telephone Company, establishing a local exchange at Oxford Junction and connecting it with lines at Clarence, Wyoming and other points. He was an active factor in the work of this company until establishing his present business in Anamosa.

It was in 1905 that he was instrumental in organizing the Electric Light & Power Company of Anamosa, which is capitalized for thirty-five thousand dollars, with Harry A. Zinn as the president; F. E. Zinn as vice president; Park Chamberlin as secretary; and George Schoonover as treasurer. Mr. Zinn is one of the best known representatives of electric light interests in this part of the state. He still retains his financial interests in the Zinn Electric Light & Power Company and in the telephone company, while at the present time he is bending his energies to administrative directions as the head of the Electric Light & Power Company of Anamosa. His work in this connection is of a most practical character, leading to substantial results, and he has secured for the company a large patronage that makes this business one of the profitable enterprises of the city. He is also in partnership with his brother, as the owners of a ranch of forty-three hundred acres in North Dakota, all in one body.

In the year 1901 Harry A. Zinn was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Ruley, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Curren) Ruley. The father is a native of Bohemia and the mother of Jones county, Iowa. Four children have been born of this marriage—Norma, Keven, Kathaline and Margaret. The family are prominent socially in the community, having a large circle of warm friends here, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

In politics Mr. Zinn is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. He is associated with the Catholic church and is interested in all those things which are factors in municipal progress or which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. In his business career he has made steady progress owing to his wise and intelligent appreciation and use of opportunities whereby he has come into important business connections, being numbered among the representative men of Anamosa.

JOHN McLEES.

One of the highly esteemed citizens of Richland township is John McLees, who is a native of the Buckeye state, born in the suburbs of Wellsville, in Columbiana county, Ohio, May 12, 1848. He is a son of George and Fannie (Pinkerton) McLees, also natives of Ohio. His grandparents, however, came to this country from Ireland. His parents lived for some time after their marriage in Ohio, but when he was a child of seven they sought a new home in Iowa, locating on the farm which adjoins those fertile acres now owned by the subject of the sketch. His father's farm was purchased from a Mr. Chadwell, who had entered it from the government, and it consisted of about three hundred and sixty-five acres. Besides John McLees, there were five daughters in the family, but only two of these survive at the present. They are Fannie, who resides at Monticello, and Catherine, of Chicago, both maiden ladies. The death of the father occurred some time in the '80s.

Mr. McLees was reared at home and acquired his education in an old log schoolhouse in the days when a knowledge of the "Three R's" was still instilled with the aid of the hickory stick. At the age of twenty-three years he became a

farmer on his own account. His legacy from his grandfather Pinkerton had been a tract of fifty acres of timber land, which he proceeded to clear with all the ardor of youth. At the same time he rented and farmed a portion of his father's land. His adventures with the timber land were sometimes extremely depressing, and while the clearing ultimately cost him more than to have bought tillable land in the first place, it was no doubt well worth it all in experience, a philosophic viewpoint which he was unable to attain until long afterward. He has added to his possessions from time to time until he now owns two hundred and thirty-three acres.

In June, 1873, Mr. McLees was married to Miss Mary Lavery, a daughter of John Lavery, one of the pioneers of Washington township, this county, who had come originally from Ireland. Seven children have blessed this marriage, as follows: George, a railroad man living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mary, living in Omaha; John, at home; Elinda, wife of Frank McDonald of Kansas City, Kansas, a government meat inspector; Emma, at home; and twins, Earl and Pearl, also at home.

Mr. McLees' specialty is the raising of cattle, and he has successfully realized his aim to keep his herds up to the highest standard. His preference is for the shorthorn breed and for some years past he has divided his attention between this and dairying with gratifying results.

Mr. McLees upholds the tenets of the democratic party, but he has never enrolled himself among those seeking office, and he and his household are communicants of the Catholic Church. His several years service as a member of the school board has served to increase the esteem in which he is held.

A. I. JACKSON.

Among the many citizens of Monticello whose long period of efficient service has won recognition and admiration from his fellows is A. I. Jackson, the agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and for the Wells Fargo Express Company at Monticello, Iowa. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, December 8, 1853, a son of Abraham and Lydia (Keese) Jackson. The latter was a native of New York state but as a mere child was taken to Ohio by her parents, who located in Morrow county. The father was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and removed to Morrow county with his parents during boyhood. There he was reared and married, engaging in farming after he reached his maturity. In 1855 he came west to Iowa, locating in Marshall county, where he resided until the late '90s, when he removed to Mt. Pleasant. He died in January, 1907, when in his eighty-first year. His wife had died more than twenty years before, her death having taken place in 1881 when she was only forty-seven years old.

A. I. Jackson was reared at home, being enrolled as a student in the public schools at the usual age. After the completion of his own education he spent two years in teaching and then entered a drug store in Hesper, Iowa. After two years' experience as a clerk, he found that the business was uncongenial and he

turned his attention to railroading as his vocation. He secured a position first as switchman in the Calmar yards but on proving his ability two weeks later was placed upon the platform to help check and receive freight. About eighteen months later he was made station baggageman and then was promoted to a clerkship, serving in that capacity until June 1, 1881, when he was appointed agent at Oxford Junction, it being less than six years from the time he entered the railroad service until he obtained this important position. It was even more important at that time than at present for then the machine shops of the whole division of the railroad were located at Oxford Junction and the duties of the station agent were responsible. He remained there until October, 1887, when he was appointed to the position he now holds, having served in this capacity continuously for the past twenty-two years. A man of sterling character and integrity, a good and faithful worker, he enjoys the confidence of his employers, while the efficiency of his services has won the good will and esteem of the people with whom he has come into daily contact.

In 1879 Mr. Jackson married Miss Blanche Woodward, of Calmar, Iowa. In his political views he is a stanch adherent of the republican party, but aside from casting his vote at elections has taken no part in public matters. He is however, active in Masonic circles. He was initiated into Zealous Lodge, No. 435, A. F. & A. M., more than twenty years ago and was exalted to the chapter and commandery. For an equal length of time he has served as eminent commander of the Monticello commandery. He is also a member of El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, which she joined in her eighteenth year, until two years ago when ill health compelled her to drop from its ranks. During the period of her active membership, however, she served continuously in some official capacity. At present she is a member of the Ninety-four Literary Club, of which she is secretary. In her many interests she is an able helpmeet to her husband, in whose success she has felt a justifiable pride, as have the citizens of Monticello, who profited through his ability and devotion to duty.

JOHN W. HUTTON.

Among the native sons of Scotch Grove township, who have not only attained success in their vocation but have reached a position of trust and honor in the eyes of their fellow citizens, must be numbered John W. Hutton, who owns valuable land on sections 9, 10 and 16. He was born April 20, 1858, his parents being Samuel E. and Jane (Davis) Hutton. On his father's side he is descended from one of the pioneers of this state, for his grandfather, James Hutton came to Jones county in 1835. He was of Kentucky nativity but shortly after his marriage came to this state, where he had entered government land. His first home was a rude structure built of logs, but it sheltered him and his family until 1861, when they moved to a more adequate dwelling. In early years it was also the building in which the county court sat for lack of a more suitable edifice in which to propound the law.

John W. Hutton attended the common schools of his locality and was reared to manhood by his grandfather, under whose guidance he acquired that training for the work of life which has been productive of such rich results. In 1884 he bought eighty acres of the old homestead, which has since been his home and the scene of his active toil. It was but the beginning of his landholdings, however, for he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of arable land on sections 9 and 16, and sixty-four acres of timber on section 10. He has carried on general farming and he has engaged in a small way in the breeding of standard bred road horses. From both of his farm interests he has derived an income which is a patent and gratifying record of his skill and industry as a husbandman. Progressive in his ideas and unsparing of any exertion which might tend to the efficiency of his methods and his ultimate success, he has become one of the men who represent the prosperity of Scotch Grove township.

Mr. Hutton has never married but finds his chief diversions from the cares of the day in the meetings of the Onslow lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of a citizen of this nation, he has been unfailing in his support of the principles of the republican party, finding them in harmony with his own ideas for the government of the country. He has taken an active part in local affairs, for he is now serving his fourth term as a member of the board of trustees of his township and has also acted as clerk. He was appointed to the latter position to fill out the unexpired term of the previous incumbent of the office, and then was regularly elected, but as he was contemplating leaving the county he did not qualify. His election, however, was an indication of the high regard in which he is held by those who have come to know him.

ARTHUR RAY FAIRBANKS.

Arthur Ray Fairbanks, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Cass township, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, is one of Jones county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Castle Grove township on the 11th of September, 1885. He is a son of Arthur Lincoln and Maggie S. (Black) Fairbanks, who were also born in Jones county and now make their home in Castle Grove township. They were the parents of four children, of whom Arthur Ray was the second in order of birth. The others are: Allen T., of Adams county, North Dakota; Gladys May, at home; and Blanch Pearl, also under the parental roof. The paternal grandfather of our subject is Allen Leonard Fairbanks, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Under the parental roof Arthur Ray Fairbanks spent the period of his boyhood and youth, acquiring his education in the district schools near his home, and remained with his parents until the spring of 1907. In that year he went to Adams county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He returned home on the 15th of January, 1908, and on the 1st of September of the following year was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Ketcham, a native of Cass township, born on the 22d of November, 1886.



A. RAY FAIRBANKS

She is a daughter of William L. and Ruby M. (Stone) Ketcham, the former born in Deleware county, Ohio, on the 18th of February, 1851, and the latter in Jones county on the 10th of November, 1854. The father came to this county with his parents in 1867, and was here engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred cattle, horses and hogs. He became the owner of a well improved farm of three hundred acres, located on sections 8 and 17. He was married in this county on the 1st of January, 1877, and continued to make his home within its boundaries until the time of his death. He passed away on the 23d of July, 1906, while his wife still survives and makes Battle Creek, Michigan, her place of residence. In their family were five children, the eldest of whom, Lulu, passed away in early childhood. The others are: Ruby Stone, Mrs. Arthur R. Fairbanks; Clara A. and Wilhelmina H.

After his marriage Mr. Fairbanks purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land from his father-in-law, located on section 8, Cass township, and on that farm he and his wife began their domestic life. He has since devoted himself to its further development and improvement and under his wise management the place is proving an excellent investment, bringing him rich golden harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon it.

In politics Mr. Fairbanks is a stalwart supporter of the republican party, and is loyal and public-spirited in his citizenship. Although numbered among the younger generation of agriculturists in Cass township, nevertheless he has already met with a degree of prosperity which augurs well for a very bright and successful future. Having spent his entire life in Jones county, with the exception of a couple of years in the north, he has become widely known among a large circle of friends, and the fact that he is most liked where best known is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as command the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

FRANK N. LATHROP.

Frank N. Lathrop, one of the independent and enterprising agriculturists of Greenfield township, who today is in possession of a most gratifying competency which has come to him as the result of industry and well directed effort, was born in Oxford Mills, Jones county, Iowa, on the 12th of November, 1861, a son of Hon. George W. and Millie (Noble) Lathrop. The former was a son of George Lathrop, who came to Iowa from Ohio in 1836 on horseback, and later, in 1848, made an overland trip to California. Our subject has in his possession a unique piece of pottery fashioned in the shape of a book which his grandfather carried with him on that journey. George W. Lathrop came with his father from Ohio and crossed the Mississippi river at Davenport on the 29th of June, 1840. Settlement was first made in Clinton county, whence they removed to Allens Grove, in Scott county. Later, in connection with his half-brother, he engaged in the mercantile business in Toronto, Clinton county, being thus engaged until 1858, in which year he went to Oxford Mills, where he established what is known as the Courtright & Lathrop mills. He became very popular in local political

affairs and was called upon at two different times by his fellow citizens to represent his district in the lower house, becoming a member of the sixteenth and twenty-second general assemblies. He was also appointed by the governor of the state to take the vote of the soldiers in the United States army in 1864, and later was an important factor in securing what is known as the Davenport & St. Paul Railroad. He passed away on the 3d of December, 1907, and the county thereby lost one of its representative and valued citizens. He had married Miss Millie Noble in 1859, and unto this union were born six children, namely: Frank N., of Martelle; J. H., residing in Okoboji, South Dakota; Nathan B., of Oxford; and Mrs. Gladys Stuhr, of Oxford Junction; while one son and one daughter passed away in infancy.

No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of life for Frank N. Lathrop in his boyhood and youth, which were passed in his parents' home in Oxford Mills, where he attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the duties assigned to him by parental authority. Under the direction of his father he early learned the value of industry and energy, qualities which proved salient elements in his entire business career. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, when he entered the business world as an agriculturist, taking up the occupation of farming as his life work. He continued to engage in this line of activity in Jones county until 1904, in which year he removed to Washington county, Iowa, where he remained for about three years. In 1907 he went to Linn county, where he resided for two years, and then, in 1909, he returned to Jones county, purchasing a farm in Greenfield township, where he has since made his home. The farm consists of one hundred and forty-one acres of rich and productive land, all under a high state of cultivation. He has introduced many modern improvements upon the place, and the care and thought which he has bestowed upon it are visible in its well kept appearance, the farm being one of the highly improved and valuable properties of the township.

Mr. Lathrop was united in marriage on the 10th of November, 1886, to Miss Kittie Phillips, of Albany, Illinois, a daughter of E. V. and Harriet (Ellingham) Phillips, natives of New York and Quebec respectively, the former born in 1834 and the latter in 1835. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were the following, Mary, Ida, Frank, Elmer, John, Robert and two daughters who passed away in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop were born three children, as follows: Jennie F., aged twenty-one years; Boyd, nineteen years of age; and Nellie D., who died in infancy. The two surviving children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop, and their daughter are members of the Pythian Sisters and also of the Eastern Star, while in politics the father is an ardent republican, giving stalwart support to that party, whose principles he deems best adapted to conserve the public welfare. He does not seek nor desire office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies entirely upon his private business affairs, which, carefully and wisely managed, are proving a source of most gratifying remuneration to him. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances, however. It has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance.

directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honest business principles, and today he stands among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Greenfield township

JOHN CAMPBELL SMITH.

John Campbell Smith, one of the leading farmers of Lovell township and a representative of one of the oldest families of Jones county, was born on the farm which is now his home, October 9, 1874, his parents being Douglass Henry and Martha Sophia (Hutchins) Smith. For three generations back the Smith family has been prominent in this county, for the paternal great-grandfather, Captain George K. Smith, who had followed the sea for about forty years, passed the last years of his life on Bowen's Prairie, and was widely known for his piety. His son, the late Henry D. Smith, who was well and favorably known in this section of the state, was born in Salem, Massachusetts, and died near Monticello, Iowa, May 10, 1897, at the age of seventy-eight years. Of his union with Miss Harriet L. Campbell was born Douglass Henry Smith, the father of the subject of this sketch. A native of Oneida county, New York, his birth occurred February 17, 1843, at Litchfield. During his early life he removed to Utica, that state, where he received his primary education, and then, in the winter of 1856-7, when he was less than fourteen years of age, he drove with his father in an open buggy from New York to Iowa. They took up their residence in that New England colony of this county, at Bowen's Prairie, where Douglass H. Smith lived until his marriage, in 1870. Then he removed to the farm in Lovell township on which his son, the subject of this sketch, lives today, and where the last years of his life were spent as an agriculturist. He did much for the upbuilding of this county, for he was industrious and progressive, and his business ability and honesty were recognized by all who came in contact with him. He was one of the first to advocate the establishment of cooperative creameries in this county and at the time of his death was one of the directors of the Klondike Creamery. But it was as a friend, kind, loyal and genial, that he was most deeply mourned when, on the 2d of December, 1906, he was called from this world, being fatally injured by being thrown from his wagon as the result of a runaway.

On the 14th of April, 1870, Douglass H. Smith wedded Miss Martha S. Hutchins, a native of Keene, New Hampshire, who had come to Jones county as a child with her mother, her father having died previously. Of their union six children were born: William Douglass, who died in infancy; Mary Helen, who is a teacher in the public schools of Loraine, Ohio; John Campbell, of this sketch; Stuart Hutchins and Douglass Henry, who are farmers residing in Canada; and Harriet Louisa, who married A. J. H. McNeill and resides in Monticello, Iowa.

John Campbell Smith was reared at home, acquiring his education from the public schools, and after completing the high school course in Monticello, attending for three terms the university at Ames, where his two brothers also

received their training for life, while the two daughters were students in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls. Like the other members of his family, John C. Smith engaged in teaching after he reached manhood, devoting five or six winters to instructing the young pupils of the country schools. In 1902 he bought a farm of eighty acres in Castle Grove township, but lived on it only one year, selling it in 1904. Then he returned to the home farm identifying himself with his father's interests until the latter's death, when he assumed the responsibility of its operation. On the 1st of March, 1909, he purchased the place, to which he hopes to devote himself so that his success will equal that of his father before him. Progressive, faithful in the exercise of his duties, and unsparing of hard labor when necessary, there is every reason to believe that a bright future is in store for him.

Mr. Smith has not married. Since he has been of an age to enjoy the franchise right of a citizen of this republic he has given his support to the republican party, but while interested in all questions before the people he has played no part in public affairs. His adherence in religious matters is given to the Congregational church, of which he is a devout and consistent member.

ROBERT A. NORTON.

Robert A. Norton, the owner of two hundred and twenty acres, including two farms and a pasture on the Wapsi river, his home being in the midst of beautiful elm, maple and evergreen trees that furnish both shade and adornment, is numbered among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Jones county, Iowa. A native of the Buckeye state, he was born in Medina county, October 29, 1838, a son of Robert and Abigail (Parmenter) Norton, the former born in Yorkshire, England, in 1790, and the latter in Berkshire, Massachusetts, in 1800. Robert Norton came to Ohio in the early '20s and was here united in marriage. Unto him and his wife were born two children: Robert A., the subject of this review; and Maria, who died in 1860. The father died in Ohio when he was sixty-four years of age and the mother resided with her son until she, too, passed away at the age of seventy-eight.

Robert A. Norton, having resided in Medina county, Ohio, until he was eighteen years of age, there received his education, remaining in the home of his parents until 1857, when he went to Pierce county, Wisconsin, and secured employment as a laborer, working at various occupations for the subsequent two and a half years. Not wishing to make his home in Wisconsin, however, he returned to Ohio, remaining here for a year and a half, when, in the spring of 1861, he came to Jones county, Iowa. For a few years he rented a farm but in 1865, having accumulated a sum sufficient to purchase eighty acres of raw prairie, he took up his abode on what is now a part of his present extensive possessions. Persevering and energetic, he converted the wild prairie into fertile fields and meadows. Each year as generous harvests rewarded his untiring labors, he purchased additional acres, erected good substantial buildings and planted trees, making his place one of the attractive and picturesque features of the landscape.

and indicating in all its improvements and beauty the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

In 1864 Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Manning, who was born in Washington county, New York, June 15, 1841, and came to Iowa in 1860 with her parents, John T. and Jane (Clark) Manning, also natives of Washington county, New York. The father was born April 2, 1812, his death occurring in Wyoming township, December 31, 1891, while the mother, who was born September 28, 1806, passed away September 16, 1884. Unto Robert A. Norton and his wife were born six children: Cora, the wife of Ed Hernon, residing in Wyoming township, this county; John L., a resident of Gordonsville, Virginia; George, at home with his parents; Isabelle, the wife of Elijah Edwards, also of Oxford township; Jessie, who died October 21, 1897; and Mary E., the wife of Milo G. Philips, of Pleasant Hill, Hale township, this county.

In his political views Mr. Norton is an earnest democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party and his fellow citizens, appreciative of his worth and faithful adherence to high principles, elected him to the offices of trustee, assessor and tax collector, in which positions of public trust he served for several terms. Aside from general agricultural pursuits, for the past thirty years Mr. Norton has made a specialty of stock feeding. He is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres, which is included in two farms and a good pasture on the Wapsi river, and his success is attributable in large measure to unfaltering industry and honorable, straightforward business methods.

JOHN HOSCH.

The boyhood days of John Hosch were passed in picturesque Luxemburg, Germany. In this old-world city, on the 4th of February, 1841, this son of John and Mary (Flummel) Hosch first saw the light of day and in the schools of Luxemburg he obtained his early education. The children of the Hosch family followed the example of many of their associates by coming to America, and when afterward the parental home in Germany was broken up by the death of the father, the mother also crossed the Atlantic. She made her home with the subject of the sketch and it is in eloquent testimony of her welcome there that she continued to live with him until the time of her death.

John Hosch, who came to America in 1868, spent his first three months on American soil in St. Charles, Minnesota, and then proceeded to Jones county, Iowa, where he located. He was a stonemason by trade and after two diligent and thrifty years he branched out as a property owner, buying two hundred and seven acres of his present home farm. The year 1881 was marked by the erection of a most comfortable and substantial stone house, where he is still residing.

In 1871, Miss Catherine Bisenius became the bride of Mr. Hosch. Although at that time a resident of Dubuque county, Iowa, she is a native of Prussia, Germany, having come to the United States in 1853 at the early age of two years. Her parents were among the earlier settlers of Dubuque county. Mr. and

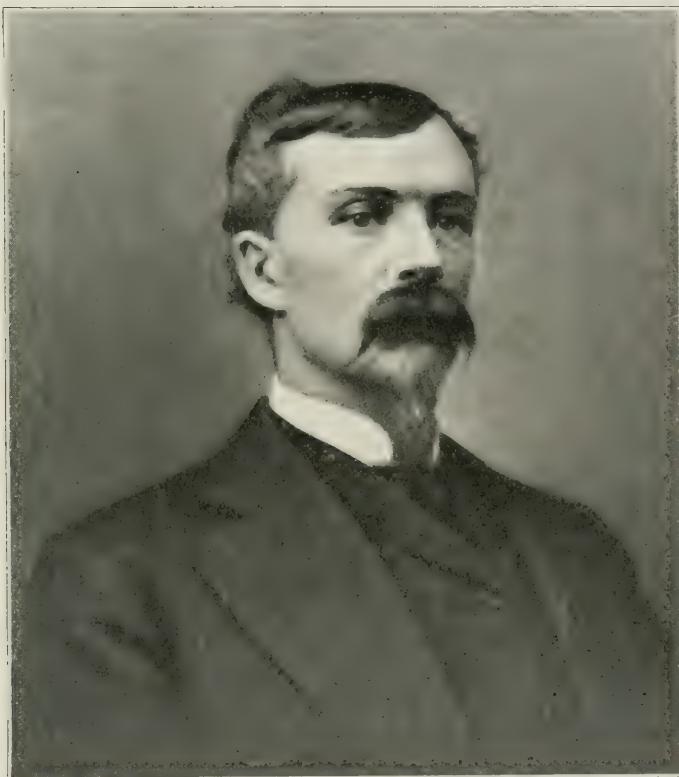
Mrs. Hosch have to their credit, that increasing rarity, a fine, large family, numbering twelve: Matthias, who lives in Cedar county, Nebraska; Mary, the wife of Peter Kurt, whose home is in Dubuque county; William, also a resident of Dubuque county; Margaret, the wife of Nicholas Knapper, of Dubuque county; Michael, who has settled in Pierce county, Nebraska; Anna, who married Jacob Brightbaugh and is living in Chicago, Illinois; and Nicholas, John, Peter, Susan, Lena and Catherine; all six living at home and adding greatly to its cheer and attractiveness by their presence.

Mr. Hosch has achieved success in his special line of agricultural endeavor, which is the raising and feeding of cattle. He belongs to the democratic party but is content with the exercise of the right of franchise, never having sought the honors and emoluments of office. He and his family are members of the Catholic church. The case of Mr. Hosch is especially gratifying as it exemplifies the possibility of rising from the most lowly circumstances to prosperous and influential citizenship. When he arrived in Minnesota, he had but one dollar and twenty-five cents in his pocket, and one dollar of that amount he was forced to expend for his first night's accommodation, thus leaving him with a capital of twenty-five cents. Today he owns six hundred and twenty-seven acres of land and is undoubtedly one of the very substantial citizens of Jones county. Among his holdings are a half section of land in Cedar county, Nebraska, and a section of land in Meyer county, that state, owning in all one thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven acres.

MRS. MARY L. CLARK.

Mrs. Mary L. Clark, who in her maidenhood was Mary L. Joslin, is a lady most highly respected in Jones county, where she has made her home for many years, deriving her income from a good farming property located in Castle Grove township. She was born in the state of New York, and there spent the first nine years of her life, after which she came with her parents to Jones county, Iowa. Here she was reared and educated and in 1874 gave her hand in marriage to Bently Clark, who was born in this county on the 22d of January, 1852, a son of Joseph and Matilda C. (Spencer) Clark. The father was born in Ohio, while the mother's birth occurred in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from which place she later moved to Butler, Pennsylvania, and in May, 1830, came to Jones county, Iowa. Here she was united in marriage in 1847 to Joseph Clark, and unto this union were born three children, all of whom are now deceased. Mr. Clark entered land in this county and erected a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor and with the proverbial latchstring hanging out. He was engaged in farming up to the time of his demise, which occurred April 16, 1881, while his wife still survives at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years.

Under the parental roof in his native county Bently Clark passed the years of his boyhood and youth, and after reaching man's estate became identified with the dentist's profession, which he followed for six years. He then purchased a farm and was engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his



BENTLY CLARK

demise, which occurred on the 4th of February, 1905, his remains being interred in Oakwood cemetery. Aside from his mother and wife he left three children to mourn his loss. Harry B., who was born on the 6th of June, 1875, is now residing in South Dakota. Ford M., born September 19, 1882 is operating the home farm for his mother. Mattie E., who was born December 28, 1889, also resides at home with her mother. She is a graduate of the academy at Hopkinton, Iowa, and has been engaged in teaching for some time. There are two grandchilren, Arthur R. and Effie E., both living with Mrs. Clark.

Mr. Clark was well known in local political ranks, being a stalwart supporter of the democratic party, and he held several township offices. He and his wife were both faithful and exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which have ever formed the guiding influences of their lives. Fraternally Mrs. Clark is a member of the Royal Neighbors, the Rebekahs and also of the Royal Patrons, in all of which organizations she is actively and helpfully interested. She has many warm friends in the county, within whose borders she has resided for so long a time, for she possesses many excellent traits of character such as endear her to all who come within the close circle of her friendship, while in her own family she has ever been a devoted and loving wife and mother.

J. H. J. STUTT.

J. H. J. Stutt, one of the well known stockmen and farmers of Lovell township, was born in Wayne township, this county, May 3, 1867, and is a son of John and Mary (Harms) Stutt, both natives of Germany. John Stutt, however, came to this country in his young manhood, in 1861, and from the first closely identified himself with affairs here, for shortly after his arrival in the state of Illinois, he enlisted in the Union army. He served valiantly throughout the course of the Civil war and then at its close came to Jones county, Iowa, where he found work with John Jacobs, of Scotch Grove township. The next year, however, he returned to Germany to wed the woman he had courted before coming to this country, and when he crossed the ocean again he came immediately to Jones county, once more entering the employ of Mr. Jacobs. After one year's experience on the farm he located in Wayne Center, where he remained for two or three years, afterward buying a tract of land in Wayne township. That has been his home ever since and is his residence today. During the two score years and more that have passed, however, he has invested extensively in real estate, at one time owning three hundred and twenty acres. Some of this he has disposed of but he is still possessed of two hundred acres, and is still an active representative of the agricultural interests.

J. H. J. Stutt was reared at home under the careful guidance of his parents, attending the common schools, from which he received a good preparation for the responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-two he began his business career as a farmer. He bought first one hundred and twenty acres of land west of Lambert, in Wayne township, on which he lived for about two years. Then he

sold that tract, buying instead two hundred and forty acres at Langworthy, one hundred acres of which he sold the next year. Thereupon he rented one hundred, nineteen and a half acres, adjoining the one hundred and forty acres he still held, and after three years' satisfactory experience in its cultivation, added that tract to his possessions. Ever on the alert to profit from opportunity, his investments did not cease there nor his real-estate operations, for in 1902 he bought four hundred and eighty acres of land in South Dakota, which he traded in 1905 for his present farm in Lovell township. It embraces four hundred, eighteen and a half acres and was formerly known as the old Hosford place. To it Mr. Stutt removed January 10, 1906, and has since made it his home. He still owns in addition one hundred, nineteen and a half acres of his Wayne township farm, besides one hundred and fifty-four acres two miles north of Anamosa, having purchased it during the spring of 1909, and a tract of one hundred and sixty acres one mile west of Langworthy, all rich and arable lands. Although he has been most successful as a tiller of the soil, with a view to winning the largest returns from his vocation, he has embarked in other enterprises connected with the farm. Since he was twenty he has been engaged in threshing and now owns a modern traction engine of twenty-two horse-power and a gasoline engine of fifteen horse-power, both of which have proven not only a welcome source of revenue to him but also of great accommodation to men in his vicinity. Almost from the time that he began his life as an agriculturist he has been interested in buying and shipping stock, and as he has developed this branch of his business with characteristic energy and ability he has become well and widely known as one of the important stockmen of his section of the county. Endowed with a high degree of business acumen, industrious and progressive, these qualities have been the means of his success in his undertakings. In consequence he enjoys a handsome competence and the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that his work is well accomplished.

In 1889 Mr. Stutt was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Zimmerman, of Wayne township, this county. Eight children were born to them, six of whom survive: Henry, Elizabeth, Clarence, Emil, George and Alva, all at home. Mrs. Stutt passed away May 1, 1908, being deeply mourned by the family who knew her love and care. On the 19th of October, 1909, Mr. Stutt married Catherine M. Valster, a native of Germany.

Politically Mr. Stutt has allied himself with the democratic party, but has evinced no desire to participate in local politics. He has given his religious allegiance, as did his parents before him, to the faith of the German Lutheran church, up to whose tenets he has endeavored to live.

A. H. NEWMAN.

Among those who are seeking their fortunes in agricultural lines and are meeting with gratifying success is A. H. Newman, a native of Greenfield township, his birth occurring on the 3d of May, 1861. He is the fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, born unto Emanuel

and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman, mention of whom is made on another page of this work.

On his father's farm, amid the scenes and environments of rural life, A. H. Newman was reared and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the district schools near his home, wherein he gained a good knowledge of the various branches of English learning. During the periods of vacation he assisted his father in the work of the fields, and in the broader school of experience gained a thorough and comprehensive training, becoming well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life. He remained upon the homestead until by his marriage he laid the foundation of a happy home life of his own. He began business on his own account on the farm which is now his home and upon which he has continuously resided. Agricultural interests have claimed his time and attention during the intervening years and in the tilling of the soil he has met with most gratifying success, being ranked among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the township. He owns two hundred and fifty acres in the home place, another tract of forty acres in this township and also eighty acres in Fairview township. Upon the homestead he has erected an attractive modern residence, while in the rear stand commodious barns and outbuildings, which are substantial evidence of the thrift and industry of Mr. Newman. He is methodical, systematic, progressive and up-to-date, and his farming interests have been so wisely and carefully conducted that he has won substantial success.

On the 19th of August, 1886, Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Bates, who was born in Rome township, Jones county, May 3, 1863, and is a daughter of Dr. Ira and Emily (Spear) Bates. Dr. Bates was numbered among the early settlers of Jones county, being one of the first to practice his profession in this district, where he was well known and highly esteemed. His practice was large and extended over considerable territory, and he was often called upon to travel many miles in order to minister to a sick patient. However the distance was never too long nor the weather too disagreeable to prevent his attendance upon the sick and suffering, and he was the loved and trusted family physician in many homes. His knowledge of the science of medicine was extensive and comprehensive, and he was keenly alive to the obligations that rested upon him in the practice of his chosen profession. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Bates was blessed with five children, of whom Mrs. Newman was the third in order of birth. One son, George Christian, passed away at the age of one year, while the other members of the family are residents of Fairview township.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman have an adopted son, Harry Ray Newman, who was born on the 4th of November, 1897, and is the life and light of the household. He was but fifteen days old when his mother was called to the world beyond and at her urgent request he was received into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newman, in whom the mother had the utmost confidence and trust. The wholesome atmosphere of the home into which the child was taken has had an excellent influence upon the life of the lad who, though but twelve years of age, already gives promise of an honorable and upright manhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Martelle, Iowa, in the work of which both Mr. and Mrs. Newman have taken

a very active part. She has for a number of years acted in the capacity of superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Newman belongs to White Rose Lodge, No. 279, Knight of Pythias of Martelle, and in his political allegiance is a democrat, being a firm believer in and a stalwart supporter of the principles of that party. He served for several years as township clerk and has also been a member of the board of education, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. Public-spirited in citizenship, his influence is ever upon the side of progress, improvement, reform and advancement, and the principles which have governed his entire career are such as make him a most desirable and valuable citizen. He and his wife occupy a high place in the social circles of the community in which they reside because of their many excellent traits of character, and their home is the seat of a warm-hearted and generous hospitality which is freely extended to their many friends.

W. A. MIRICK, M. D.

For more than thirty-two years W. A. Mirick has followed the profession of medicine in the city of Monticello, where he enjoys the honor not only of being the oldest resident physician here but also of having one of the largest and most lucrative practices. And yet, however gratifying these things may be, the knowledge that he retains the respect of the many persons who have come into contact with him and the satisfaction that comes to even the most humble and modest of men, from a daily recognition of the fact that their lives have been led to good purpose and to the benefit of others, affords him the greatest reason to feel a justifiable pride in the work of the past years.

Dr. Mirick was born in Chenango county, New York, January 8, 1854, and is a son of Augustus and Jane (Hakes) Mirick. In 1857 they came to Iowa for the sake of the health of Mrs. Mirick, locating in Anamosa, but she died shortly afterward, and the father married Mrs. Fannie Boon, of Anamosa, whose was the only maternal care of which Dr. Mirick has any distinct remembrance. Upon his advent to this county, Augustus Mirick acquired a tract of land in Fairview township, on which he pursued his calling as a farmer. A pronounced success attended his efforts and although about sixteen or seventeen years ago he retired from active life he still owns about two hundred acres of land. At present he is living in the village of Anamosa, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. In politics his sympathies were with the republican party, and during the greater part of his active years he was a dominant factor in its cause in his township besides taking a vital interest in the public affairs of his locality and serving in the various township offices. He was also prominent in the work of the Baptist church and in the ranks of the Masons and of the Odd Fellows, to local lodges of which he belonged. In short, he was a man possessed of a strong personality, of great energy, and of a capacity for execution that won the attention of all with whom he associated, accordingly his influence was felt far and wide and men placed reliance in his judgment.

Dr. Mirick has lived in Jones county since he was four years old and when of suitable age was enrolled as a pupil in the public schools. Later he took a special course in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and in 1874 began the study of medicine. At first he read under the preceptorship of Dr. L. J. Adair, of Anamosa, and then under that of Dr. G. W. White, of the same place, so that he was fairly well prepared in 1875 for entrance to the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, Illinois. He was graduated from that institution in the spring of 1878, and on the 1st of March of that year, located in Monticello. Here he has built steadily up a large and remunerative practice and for years past has been one of the best known physicians in his section of the county. A skilled diagnostician, an experienced practitioner, and endowed by nature with those personal qualities that perhaps have greater weight in attaining a success in this than in any other vocation of life, his record is one of continued advance, of increased confidence in his abilities on the part of others, and of enlarged realization by them of strength of his character and the integrity of his purposes. He is a surgeon as well as a physician and for the past twenty years has been employed in the former capacity by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in this city.

On the 12th of September, 1882, Dr. Mirick wedded Miss Catherine S. Curtis, of Independence, Iowa, who for the four or five years previous had been teaching in the Monticello schools. She had attended the Iowa State College, from which she was graduated in the same class with J. W. Doxsee. To this union three children have been born, namely: Irving A., Maud A. and Galen C. The oldest was graduated from the Monticello high school and then spent three years at the Iowa State College. He is now associated with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with headquarters at Huron, South Dakota. The daughter is in her senior year at the Iowa State College at Ames, while the youngest of the family is a pupil in the Monticello high school. Dr. Mirick belongs to several organizations which have as their aim the advancement of the interests of those engaged in his profession, for he is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Iowa State Medical Society and of the Jones County Medical Society. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being a member of Burns Lodge, No. 173, A. F. & A. M. He did belong to the chapter and commandery of the local lodge here, but they have now disintegrated.

PAUL PAULSEN.

One of the prosperous German farmers of Scotch Grove township, whose well tilled fields are representative of the high quality of the agricultural interests of the county, was born in Holstein, Germany, August 17, 1865, his parents being Bahne and Sabina (Hansen) Paulsen. They were also natives of the same province of the fatherland, where the father died during the childhood of his son. After his demise his widow came to the United States with her three children, locating, in 1870, in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa. Later she removed

to Charlotte, that county, where she married Nicholas Holst, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work.

Paul Paulsen was about five years of age when the family embarked upon their journey to this country, so that all his training for the responsibilities of life has been obtained in this state, at home and in the common schools where he was a pupil. He worked upon the farm belonging to his stepfather throughout the period of his youth, and when he reached man's estate he was taken into partnership by Mr. Holst. Together they operated the place until February, 1903, when Mr. Paulsen married and started out in life for himself. Then he purchased the southwest quarter of section 24, Scotch Grove township, and has made his home thereon ever since. It was formerly known as the Alex Sutherland farm, and was only partially improved, but since it has come into his possession Mr. Paulsen has carried on the work of development and improvement with a vigor that is characteristic of him until it is now one of the highly cultivated and finely improved tracts in Jones county. Successful in his undertakings beyond the ordinary, he has risen to a substantial position in the community, a fact which is indicated by the large shares of stock he holds in the Lovell State Bank of Monticello and in the Onslow Savings Bank.

On the 10th of February, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Paulsen and Miss Mary Eckelberg, of Jackson county, Iowa. Her father is John Eckelberg, who was for many years one of the prominent farmers of that county and is now living in retirement at Spragueville, Jackson county. Six children have been born of this union: Alvina, Paul, Jr., Edward, John, Harry and Emil. They are all at home and are being reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church, that being the creed to which Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen give their religious allegiance. Since he was admitted to the ranks of the citizens of this republic Mr. Paulsen has voted the democratic ticket, finding himself in greater accord with the principles promulgated by that party. He has had no desire to enter the arena of public life, however, although his success, the strong qualities of character upon which it has been reared and the wide influence he has exercised in his community as a result of a good life well lived, would naturally suggest him to his fellows as a man worthy and capable of administering any trust with which the people might care to honor him.

J. F. WAGGONER.

The farmer of today dominates the situation in Iowa because he holds the balance of power. There are three million more Americans engaged in farming today than in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, and Iowa is one of the states that contributes many agriculturists to the United States. One of the thoroughly modern farmers of Jones county is J. F. Waggoner, of Jackson township, who was born in that township on his father's homestead, February 26, 1866. He is a son of Charles and Mary (May) Waggoner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and the second in order of birth in their family of four children.



J. F. WAGGONER

Until he was twenty-eight years of age, Mr. Waggoner resided with his parents, but he then married and located on his present farm. This property consists of one hundred and twenty acres of farming land on section 22 and eleven acres of timber land on section 32, Jackson township. On this farm he has built a substantial residence, commodious barns, and made many other improvements which give comfort to his family and enable him to care for his stock and machinery. Experience has taught Mr. Waggoner the value of specializing and he is now raising Poland China hogs to the extent of fifty head annually.

The marriage of Mr. Waggoner occurred in 1883, when he was united with Carrie Luella Bills, who was born in Jackson township, May 5, 1867, daughter of D. B. and Emma Bills, of Anamosa. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner are the parents of two children, namely: Stanley and Harold.

The success which has come to Mr. Waggoner has not been gained by any unusual methods but through the close application of his natural ability and knowledge of farming which he had obtained from his father. He has known how to develop his land and make investments pay, and consequently is now enjoying the results of his years of labor, although still in the very prime of life and filled with ambition for future achievements.

EARL C. PEET.

Greenfield township, Jones county, numbers among its native sons many substantial and progressive farmers who through their own efforts and industry are meeting with gratifying success. This number includes Earl C. Peet, whose birth occurred on the 29th of September, 1875, his parents being Eber G. and Oriana Peet. No event of special importance came to vary the routine of daily life for him during the period of his boyhood and youth, which were spent upon his father's farm amid the scenes and environments of rural life. He acquired a good knowledge of the common branches of English learning as they were taught in the Greenfield Center school, and since laying aside his text-books has greatly extended his early training by thorough reading, observation and broad, practical experience. He remained upon the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his assistance in the work of the fields, until twenty-nine years of age, and during that time learned many lessons concerning the value of industry and thrift and, surrounded by the wholesome influences of farm life, acquired good habits and clean morals, all of which well qualified him for the practical and responsible duties of life. In 1905 he started out in business on his own account, locating upon a farm of fifty-four acres which his father had given him. It is located near the center of Greenfield township and he has continued to make his home thereupon to the present time, although in the meantime as he has prospered he added to his original holdings and is now the owner of one hundred and thirty-four acres of land. The soil of Iowa is proverbially rich and fertile, and under the careful management of Mr. Peet his fields have been

brought under a high state of cultivation, so that his farm is one of the valuable and desirable properties of the township.

On the 3d of April, 1904, in Fairview township, Mr. Peet was united in marriage to Miss Gladys G. Shoop, who was born in that township on the 27th of November, 1878, a daughter of Leander and Adelaide (Bates) Shoop, the latter the eldest daughter of Dr. Ira Bates. Mr. Shoop was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1848, and in 1856 came to Jones county, Iowa, with his parents, Moses and Caroline Shoop. Moses Shoop was born near Akron, Ohio, in 1802, and died at his home in Jones county, Iowa, in 1861. His wife, a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, where her birth occurred in 1803, lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years. In their family were five children, namely, Calvin Almond, Nancy, Caroline and Leander. The last named was united in marriage to Miss Bates on the 17th of February, 1878, and they now make their home about six miles south of Anamosa in Fairview township. Unto them were born eight children, all of whom still survive, Gladys, George, Cassius, Raleigh, Augusta, Bertha, Blanche and Lillian. In early life Mrs. Peet enjoyed the advantages of good educational training, for after her graduation from the common schools she pursued a course at the Western College (now Leander Clark College) at Toledo, Iowa. In 1895 she began teaching in the public schools, and was thus successfully engaged up to the time of her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peet has been born one son, Roscoe L., whose birth occurred on the 28th of November, 1905.

Mrs. Peet became an active member of the United Brethren church of Forest Chapel, Fairview township, in 1894, and since that time her life has been guided by the teachings of that denomination. Mr. Peet belongs to no special creed or sect but is very liberal in his views, his conduct at all times being in harmony with the spirit of the Golden Rule. A very conservative but estimable couple, they occupy a high place in the regard and esteem of their fellowmen and the consensus of public opinion accords them a prominent place among the valued residents of the community. In his political views Mr. Peet is a stalwart republican and for nine years served as a director of Greenfield Center school, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. He was early trained to habits of industry, enterprise and integrity, and these have proven strong elements in his success and at the same time have gained the unqualified respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

ROBERT C. STIRTON.

Few if any of the legislators of the state of Iowa are more widely and more favorably known than Robert C. Stirton, who is frequently called the "real commoner." A man of the people, he has exerted his best talents in their behalf, and being a hardheaded, practical business man, who has achieved success in whatever field he engaged in, he did not leave the general assemblies of the state without leaving his mark upon their policies and acts. A self-made man

in the best sense of the term, his is a life which might serve as an example to others, for there is no blemish upon his reputation or upon his character, his standing in the commercial world or his political record. Despite the fact of his English birth, he is a typical Iowan, and none of her native sons nor those of American parentage could be more devoted to its best interests.

Robert C. Stirton was born in Devonshire, England, April 2, 1861, a son of Robert and Anne Stirton, both natives of Scotland. The father, who was employed as a forester, died when his son was but two years old. The widowed mother thereupon took her family to Scotland, where they remained until 1871, when they emigrated to this country, locating first in Delaware county, Iowa. In 1873 they came to Monticello, which has since been the home of Robert C. Stirton. For several years he worked upon farms in the vicinity of the town during the summer months, while he attended school in the winter, thereby acquiring a thorough and practical education. He was enrolled as a pupil in the high school of Monticello and although he never graduated he took the examination for a teacher's certificate, having secured which he proved himself a competent instructor. In 1887 he was appointed assistant postmaster of the town but resigned that position after three years to enter the employ of G. W. & G. L. Lovell, the pioneer bankers of Monticello. In 1897, when the institution was reorganized under the state laws, he was made cashier of the concern, a position he holds to the present time.

In 1903 Mr. Stirton entered upon his political career, being in that year the candidate upon the democratic ticket in the Jones-Cedar district for state senator. Despite the fact that the district was strongly republican, he won by a majority of four hundred and seventy-one votes, sitting in the thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second general assemblies. What he did during those years any one may read, for there is nothing of which he or his constituents need be ashamed. He introduced the two-cent fare bill in the senate at the first session in which he participated; voted for the passage of the anti-pass law, which lost by only one vote; urged the Crossley primary election bill, which is the only bona fide bill of its kind introduced into the senate; voted for the resolution to elect United States senators by direct vote of the people; voted for the pure food law; voted for the law to prohibit and regulate child labor; and again voted for the anti-pass bill, which has now become a law. In short, while representing the people, he strove by all means in his power to do what in his judgment he believed to be for their best interests. Upon the expiration of his term in the senate he was made the democratic nominee for congress from the fifth district in the campaign of 1907, and in the campaign of 1908 he was his party's nominee from the fifth Iowa congressional district for presidential elector, an indication of the strength he holds in the ranks of his political brethren, who rightly regard him as a man who has won the confidence of the voters of the district in which he lives. While he does not lay claim to being an orator, he has the power to speak effectively when there is need, but it is as a man easy of approach, affable and sympathetic that he has won those who have come into personal contact with him.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, January 25, 1893, Mr. Stirton wedded Miss Agnes Russell, a daughter of the late Dr. Isaac Russell, of Monticello. Two daughters

have been born to them: Agnes, now fifteen years of age; and Anne, who is twelve years old.

Mr. Stirton attends the services of the Congregational church, although he is not a member thereof, while fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen. He has been particularly active in the former, having served as master of the local lodge. In a political way he has also been signalled out by the citizens of his town and county, for he has acted as president and secretary of the Jones county fair and as president of the school board for a period of ten years. Should he again enter the political arena Mr. Stirton has little to fear on the score of support, for although this section is strongly republican, yet the record of his life, his public policy, his reputation as a man who adheres to the cause of the people who elected him, these and other qualities which have made his a character of strength and honorableness should win above party considerations.

K. T. LAMB.

K. T. Lamb, one of the prosperous merchants and progressive men of Olin, was born on a farm one and a quarter miles west of the city, October 19, 1856, being a son of Jacob and Mary Jane (Easterly) Lamb, the former born at Greencastle, Lancaster county, Ohio, in 1825, and the latter at Bellville, Ohio, in 1833. In 1848 Jacob Lamb came to Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, purchasing a farm on what is now known as Strawberry Hill. The following year he went overland to California, joining in the mad rush westward and spending two years in mining. His return was made by the isthmus, up the Mississippi river to Davenport and thence to Anamosa. He sold his farm, buying land in Rome township, Jones county, as well as a large tract in Cedar county and some west of Olin, a portion of which was slightly improved. He placed his land under cultivation and in the winters taught school. It was while doing this that he met his future wife, who was one of his pupils. Her people had come from Ohio in 1852, locating in Rome township. In 1853 they were married and began house-keeping on their farm west of Olin, which they developed into a fine property and where Mr. Lamb died in 1863, aged thirty-seven years. He owned three hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Rome township and over one thousand acres altogether. A strong Douglas democrat, he took an active part in politics, party feeling running high at the time of his demise. His widow survived him until August, 1904. She was a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Watts) Easterly, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came first to Ohio and then to Jones county, Iowa, where they died.

The Lamb family is of English origin and trace their ancestors back to Pierce Lamb who came from Kent, England, some time between 1630 and 1640 and settled on the coast of Maryland. His son Francis had several sons, some of whom settled in Kentucky and some in Virginia. K. T. Lamb's family tree follows his branch down through Maryland, Virginia, Ohio and Iowa.

Jacob and Mary Lamb had eight children, as follows: Florence, who is the widow of John Q. Cronkhite, of Olin; Matilda Katherine, who is the wife of J. W. Moore, of Marion, Kansas; K. T., the subject of this sketch; Siera N., who is the wife of L. M. Carpenter, of Olin; Dora H., who died at the age of fourteen years; Ida L., the wife of F. E. Austin, of Cedar Rapids; Castor C., who lives at Olin; and Maggie May, who died in infancy.

K. T. Lamb was reared on his father's farm west of Olin and received a good common-school education. However, farming did not appeal to him and he began his mercantile career in 1876, when only twenty years of age. His mother had married for her second husband, D. R. Carpenter, and the stepfather took the young man in business with him under the firm name of D. R. Carpenter & Company, the members being D. R. Carpenter, L. M. Carpenter, and K. T. Lamb. This association continued until 1880, when the firm was changed to Lamb, Carpenter & Lamb, with K. T. Lamb, L. M. Carpenter and C. C. Lamb as partners, this Mr. Carpenter being a stepbrother of the Lambs. In 1885 the Lamb boys bought out Mr. Carpenter, and the firm became Lamb Brothers, which continued until 1909, when it was changed to Lamb & Son, C. C. Lamb retiring from active business and K. T. Lamb taking his only son, Roscoe, into the house.

The firm do a general merchandise business and their store is the largest and oldest established in Olin. It enjoys a splendid patronage from a wide territory about Olin. The firm owns the splendid building they occupy, a brick structure, forty by eighty feet, which was built in 1892. Mr. Lamb also owns the old home farm of three hundred and fifty acres where he was born and which he helped to operate during his younger days.

In 1878 Mr. Lamb married Margaret Halsey, who was born near Oswego, New York, in 1857, a daughter of George W. and Caroline (Dickinson) Halsey, the latter of whom was cousin of Secretary Dickinson of President Cleveland's cabinet. The Halsey family is one of the oldest of America's colonial families and is descended from a long and honorable line of ancestors in this country and England. The first to come to America was Thomas Halsey as early as 1637 and all the American Halseys are descended from him. Among the colonial records of New York are the names of Halseys who took a prominent part in the French and Indian wars, while in the Revolution others served. In the wars of 1812 and 1848 were several Halseys and many a "forty-niner" were of this family. In the Civil war many of the name fought, bled and died, one being Frank N. Halsey, an uncle of Mrs. Lamb, who lost his life at Gettysburg. In civil life also many of the Halseys have served the public, some as members of congress, many as state legislators and a greater number as county officials. Mrs. Lamb's parents came to Wyoming, Iowa, at an early day bringing her with them. Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Lamb became the parents of four children: Jessie, who is the wife of Earl Mills, of Des Moines; Frances, who is the wife of Allen Metcalf, of Cedar Rapids; Helen, who is the wife of M. H. Crissman, of Olin; and Roscoe, who is junior member of the firm.

Mr. Lamb takes an active interest in politics, being an ardent republican and having held numerous school and township offices. A member of the Methodist church he has ever been faithful in his support of it and is now one of its trustees. Since 1885 he has been a Mason, belonging to Ancient Land-

mark Lodge, No. 200. He is chairman of the committee on lodges under dispensation, which makes him a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He is also a member of Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Lamb is a good business man, far-seeing and quick to take advantage of offered opportunities, and yet he is a man on whose integrity there has never rested the slightest stain. Ever ready to advance the welfare of his city, a devoted family man, proud of his children and the business ability of his only son, stanch in the support of his party and church, a loyal and indefatigable worker for his fraternity, he sets an excellent example for others to follow as a representative American of the smaller cities of the middle west.

JOSEPH J. WALTERS.

Among the native sons of Jones county who are meeting with success in agricultural and stock-raising lines is Joseph J. Walters, who was born in Castle Grove township on the 22d of February, 1801. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Smye) Walters, both natives of County Cork, Ireland, the former born on the 10th of November, 1819, and the latter on the 10th of May, 1830. The father had come to America alone, hoping here to obtain better business advantages than were offered in the old country, and took up his abode in Boston for a time. The mother, who had lost both parents when only eight years of age, came to this country with a brother, landing in Boston, where she made the acquaintance of Mr. Walters. He made a trip to Jones county, Iowa, and upon his return to Boston was united in marriage on the 10th of May, 1857, to Miss Smye. Having been favorably impressed by the opportunities offered by the middle west, he again came to Jones county, Iowa, bringing his young bride with him, and for a few years both worked by the month in this county. Later Mr. Walters began working a farm on shares and in 1868, with the money which he had carefully saved from his earnings, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 24 and 13, which tract formed the nucleus of the farm now owned by the subject of this review. They continued to make this their home up until the time of their death, and with the passing of the years they prospered, the father owning at the time of his death one hundred and ninety-three acres. He was called to his final rest on the 29th of December, 1893, while his wife survived until July 2, 1909. Both had been reared in the faith of the Episcopal church but after their arrival in Jones county became identified with the United Brethren church here. The father was a republican in politics and was well known in the community where he made his home as a public-spirited citizen and an honorable, upright gentleman. Our subject is the only child born unto this worthy couple.

Agricultural pursuits have characterized the entire business career of Joseph J. Walters, who spent the period of his boyhood and youth amid the scenes and environments of rural life. He acquired his education in the district schools and at the same time assisted in the work of the home farm, early becoming



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familiar with the best methods of carrying on agriculture. He continued to give his father the benefit of his aid up until the latter's death, when he took charge of the homestead and has since directed his energies toward its further development. That his early training in the occupation of farming was thorough and comprehensive is indicated in the fact that as the years have come and gone he has been most successful and has been able to add to his original holdings until today he is the owner of three hundred and eighty-seven acres of land all lying in one body on sections 24, and 13, and all under an excellent state of cultivation. The improvements on the place were all made by our subject, and his father, and the farm ranks among the valuable and desirable properties of the county. The former carries on general farming and stock-raising, and he also devotes some attention to the dairy business, keeping on hand twenty-six cows for that purpose. His various business interests are all carefully directed and are proving a source of most gratifying remuneration to him.

It was on the 26th of March, 1889, that Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Cora A. Worster, who was born in Wayne township, Jones county, on the 21st of October, 1865. She is a daughter of Selim and Lucy (Ripley) Worster, natives of New England, their deaths occurring in Jones county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walters have been born seven children, namely: Joseph Henry, Hattie May, William Worster, Mary Elizabeth, Cora Lucy, Nellie Miranda and John Waldo.

Mr. Walters gives his political support to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his business affairs. He is not lax, however, in matters of citizenship, but on the other hand is ever ready to give his aid and cooperation to any movement which tends to benefit the community. He has gained an extensive circle of friends in the county within whose borders he has passed his entire life, and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him from his boyhood, is an indication of the fact that his salient characteristics are in harmony with the principles which govern honorable and upright manhood.

A. M. KIMBALL.

A. M. Kimball, a well known capitalist of Madison township, is now living practically retired on the old Kimball farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 25th of December, 1840, his parents being Abner and Sarah D. (Spinney) Kimball, the former a native of Lyme, New Hampshire, and the latter of Portsmouth, that state. In the spring of 1843, they made their way westward to Wisconsin, where they resided for about thirteen years, on the expiration of which period they came to Iowa, purchasing the farm in Madison township, Jones county, which is now in possession of our subject. Abner Kimball first bought the tract of one hundred and sixty acres on which the old homestead stands but later extended the boundaries of the place by additional purchase until it embraced about three hundred and ninety acres. In early manhood he supported the whig party but later gave his

political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy. He never had any desire for the honors and emoluments of office, however, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private affairs. When he passed away on the 4th of October, 1908, at the age of ninety-seven years, Jones county lost one of its most respected and worthy pioneer settlers and one who had been successfully identified with its agricultural interests for more than a half century. His wife was called to her final rest on the 18th of December, 1896, when eighty-three years of age. Their children were six in number, as follows: Sarah J., who resides on the old home farm with her brother, A. M.; John M., a resident of Norman, Oklahoma; A. M., of this review; Ann M., the wife of J. K. Conney, of Madison township, this county; James M., living in Scranton, Iowa, and Mrs. Ellen R. Bruntlett, who died in 1909.

A. M. Kimball was reared under the parental roof and obtained a good public-school education. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm and thus early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After attaining his majority he continued his connection with farming interests in association with his father and as the latter advanced in age he gradually undertook the management and conduct of the home place, which has now been under his supervision for many years past. At the present time, however, he has largely put aside the active work of the fields and is living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Energetic, enterprising and progressive, he has won a goodly measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and representative citizens of the county.

In his political views Mr. Kimball is a democrat but at local elections casts an independent ballot, supporting the candidate whom he believes best qualified for the office in question. He is a stanch friend of the cause of education and, though never an office seeker, has capably served in the position of school treasurer for several years. Having made his home in this county for more than a half century, he is well and favorably known here and has gained the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

THOMAS W. HEANEY.

Thomas W. Heaney, who for more than twenty years has been a member of the agricultural community of Richland township, was born in Onondaga county, New York, March 25, 1840. His parents were John and Mary (Hussey) Heaney, both natives of the town of Ballymore, Ireland, where they were married. In 1832, as their wedding trip, they embarked on their journey to the United States and after thirteen weeks and three days upon the water landed in New York. They went to Utica, that state, where they remained a short time going next to Onondaga county, where John Heaney obtained employment as foreman in a stone quarry. In 1855 they came to Iowa, locating first in East Dubuque, where the father and a brother worked for a stone contractor, and then in 1857 coming to Jones county, for Mr. Heaney had bought eighty acres

of land in Richland township upon coming to the state. On this he established his family and spent the few years of life that remained for him. He passed away March 21, 1865, but his wife lived until May 8, 1891, when she too died, having attained an advanced age.

Thomas W. Heaney was reared at home and acquired his practical training for the responsibilities of life in the common schools. He remained with his father on the farm until his twenty-second year, when he married and started to make his own way in the world. For one year he worked for his father-in-law and then renting a piece of land engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. After one year's experience as a tenant he bought a tract in Whitewater, Dubuque county, on which he lived but one year, when his father's death compelled his return to his old home. In 1866 he took up a different line of work, going west as one of the men who were employed upon the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. For three years he worked for that concern and the Central Pacific Railroad, and then went to Maryville, Missouri, where he remained but three months, when he came to Jones county and took up his residence in Monticello, living there from the fall of 1869 to July, 1871. At that latter date he removed to Cascade, where for ten years he was engaged in the grocery and liquor business. Then, again he took up agricultural pursuits, moving in 1882 to a farm in Richland township, which he and his brother John operated in conjunction for about five years. In 1887 Mr. Heaney purchased the Robert Reed place, his present home, to which he has since devoted his energies. It is a tract embracing one hundred and sixty acres, well improved and cultivated, on which he pursues general farming.

On the 9th of February, 1862, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Heaney to Miss Hannah O'Brien. She is a daughter of Dennis O'Brien, who came to this country from Ireland in 1847 and after residing in New Jersey for a time came in 1856 or 1857 to Jones county. He located in Richland township, where he followed farming throughout his active years. No children have been born to the couple, but they have reared three. Clarence was legally adopted. Nettie Hughes is now the wife of David Lahey, of Imogene, Fremont county, Iowa, Lizzie, the third child who shared their home and who was known by the name of her foster parents, married Archibald Farrell, of Ryan, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Heaney are consistent members of the Catholic church, while politically he has allied himself with the democratic party.

RUDOLPH BOHREN.

Rudolph Bohren, who is one of the substantial and influential men of Lovell township, was born in Switzerland, January 15, 1863. His parents were John and Anna (Gertch) Bohren, also natives of the land of the Alps which remained their home until their deaths. Rudolph Bohren remained at home during the years of his youth, obtaining a good education in the public schools of his canton and learning those practical lessons for the conduct of life which have stood him in such good stead since he has become a citizen of this republic.

When he attained his twenty-first year he decided to try his fortunes in the United States and in April, 1884, embarked on the long ocean journey. After landing upon our shores he came to Jones county, Iowa, locating in Monticello, where he found employment among the bands of men who were working for the railroad that was then being constructed in the northwest section of Iowa. The following year he engaged in cheese-making, but after one season's experience he forsook that business to work in a creamery. During these three winters, however, he also attended school that he might acquire some familiarity with the English language in a more orderly manner than through picking it up in his intercourse with his companions. In 1888, Mr. Bohren began farming as a renter and ten years later bought two hundred and forty acres of his present farm, which he had cultivated as a tenant for the six years preceding his purchase. Since he has made it his residence he has added one hundred and twenty acres to it, so that he now has a tract of three hundred and sixty acres in Lovell township. He has engaged extensively in the dairy business, keeping fifty cows upon the place, and has also devoted a great deal of his time and energies to the breeding of hogs, making a specialty of these two branches of farming. In the winter of 1905, he delivered one hundred and five hogs at the Monticello stockyards, selling them there for twenty-four hundred dollars. They were less than ten months old and all had been raised by himself. This year he has about one hundred and seventy-six shoats, which will be ready for the market in the fall and from which he hopes to gain an even greater interest upon his investment of labor. Industry is one of his salient characteristics and has been the means of his success in the past and indicates what the future may bring to him.

On the 22d of October, 1894, Mr. Bohren wedded Miss Elizabeth Friedli, of Lovell township, and to them have been born four children: Frieda, Olga, Lena and Fritz. Since he has been admitted to citizenship in this republic Mr. Bohren has affiliated with the republican party, and his election to membership upon the school board shows the confidence the people place in his judgment. Indeed he is a man whose influence is felt, and for the good of his fellows, in whatever body he may happen to belong, whether it be that for the government of the schools, that of the directors of the Klondike Creamery Company, of which he is secretary, or the congregation of the German Reformed church, of which he is trustee.

HARRY L. PEET.

Harry L. Peet is a progressive and enterprising farmer who owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Greenfield township, Jones county. Born in that township on the 19th of September, 1868, he is the eldest of a family of eight sons born unto E. G. and Oriana (Chapin) Peet, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. He and his brothers all live within a radius of six miles. The period of his early life was spent upon the home farm, where during the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields, the winter seasons being devoted to the acquirement of an education in the

district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and then entered business life on his own account as an agriculturist, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared.

On the 20th of February, 1895, he laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss Katherine E. Baird, a daughter of John and Helen (Donald) Baird, of Lisbon, Iowa. Her parents, who were numbered among the first settlers of Greenfield township, came to America from Scotland and took up their abode in this township in 1859, where they cast in their lot with the early pioneers. Both are still living, he at the age of eighty-five years and she at the age of seventy-six years, and they retain their old homestead in Greenfield township, although they are now living retired in Lisbon. Their family consisted of four daughters and one son, of whom Mrs. Peet is the fourth in order of birth. The others are: Jane, the wife of William Ellison, of Mount Vernon, Linn county; Agnes, who resides with her parents in Lisbon; Mary A., who married Omer Cole of Pearson, Woodbury county, and died October 25, 1909; and Andrew J., living in Greenfield township.

Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Peet began their domestic life on the farm which is now their home. It consists of one hundred and forty-five acres and through the careful management of Mr. Peet has been placed under a high state of cultivation. In its midst are found substantial buildings and he has introduced all of the modern conveniences and accessories for facilitating labor. In its attractive and well improved appearance it stands as a monument to his industry and thrift. Systematic, methodical and progressive in his methods, he is meeting with a success that ranks him among the enterprising and substantial farmers of the township.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Peet was blessed with one daughter, who, however, passed away in infancy. Mrs. Peet is a member of the Presbyterian church and in its work is deeply and helpfully interested. Politically Mr. Peet is a stalwart republican and is now serving as township trustee and as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stanch champion. He is widely known throughout the township, having spent his entire life within its borders and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire respect, confidence and good will among his fellowmen.

HENRY M. CARPENTER.

For more than three decades Henry M. Carpenter has served as cashier of the Monticello State Bank of Monticello, Iowa. He was born in Connecticut, September 11, 1857, his parents being Millington L. and Harriett (Marvin) Carpenter. They were natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively, but came to Iowa in 1864, settling upon a farm in Castle Grove township, Jones county. On that place the mother died the year after her arrival, at the age of thirty years, and three years later, in 1868, Mr. Carpenter came to Monticello. The following year he engaged in the banking business, to which he devoted

the remainder of his life. At first he was in partnership with George W. Lovell, under the firm name of Carpenter & Lovell, and then, when the business was consolidated with the Monticello National Bank in 1875 he was made president of the concern, a position he held until his death, which occurred in November, 1890, when he was seventy-one years of age. His life had been marked by honorable transactions, and he transmitted to his son a name of which the latter may well be proud.

Henry M. Carpenter was but eight years old when he was deprived of a mother's care and love. He was early initiated into the intricacies of the banking business, for even as a boy he found employment in the bank. At the age of eighteen he was made assistant cashier, and then two years later, having given evidence of his ability and trustworthiness, he was made cashier. In the thirty-two years during which he has been the incumbent in that responsible position he has distinguished himself by his accuracy, his devotion to duty and the general efficiency with which he has administered his duties, so that the directors of the bank have had no reason to regret their reposal of trust in him and the people, who have come into almost daily contact with him for so many years, have found him always courteous in his attention to their wants.

In 1883 Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. Farwell, a daughter of Major Farwell. Two children have been born to the couple, Millington F. and Halstead M., both of whom live at home. Politically Mr. Carpenter was a democrat until 1866, nearly always casting his ballot for its candidates. Since 1866 he has been independent in his politics, voting for the candidate of both parties from time to time. Fraternally he enjoys pleasant relations with the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of Monticello Lodge, No. 87, but has no other lodge affiliations.

CHARLES M. HUBBELL

Charles M. Hubbell is a retired farmer of Anamosa, who still derives a gratifying income from his valuable farm property. He was long closely associated with agricultural interests and the enterprise and diligence which he displayed in conducting his business brought him the prosperity which he is now enjoying. He was born at Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa, in 1818, his parents being William and Eliza (Smith) Hubbell, natives of Fairfield, Connecticut, and of New York city. They were married in the metropolis and removed westward in the early '30s. For a time they were residents of New Orleans and finally settled in Jackson county, Iowa. William Hubbell engaged extensively in trading with the Indians and with the whites at an early day when Iowa was a frontier district and the red men were almost as numerous as the white settlers in this part of the country. Later he engaged in the milling business, erecting a large mill, and spent the remainder of his days in Jackson county. His labors were a factor in the industrial and business development of the community and his efforts were equally effective in political circles and in formulating the policy of the state. He was one of the signers of the constitution and was a member



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of the territorial legislature when Iowa was admitted to the Union. He left the impress of his individuality upon the early history of this section and passed away in 1849 at the age of forty-three years. His widow long survived and for several years prior to her death made her home in Chicago, passing away there in 1894 at the age of eighty. William Hubbell was the eldest of four children, his brothers, George and James, being residents of New York city, while his sister, Harriett is now deceased.

Unto William and Eliza (Smith) Hubbell were born four children: George, who died at the age of fourteen years; Cornelius, who died in infancy; Julian Bertine, who now resides in Washington, D. C., but was formerly engaged as field agent for Miss Clara Barton, the well-known philanthropist and lecturer who was a very intimate friend of the Hubbell family, and Charles M.

Charles M. Hubbell was reared on the frontier of Iowa, spending his youthful days in his native county, where he acquired his education in the public schools. On Christmas day of 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Docia Augusta Peet, a daughter of J. A. and Ann Hester (Crow) Peet. The latter was a sister of Edmund Crow, who was the first settler of Linn county, Iowa, and another member of the family, Charles Crow, now resides in Anamosa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell have been born two children: Lena V., the wife of Park Chamberlain; and Rena D., at home. Mrs. Hubbell passed away August 28, 1904.

As Mr. Hubbell started out in life on his own account he gave his attention to general farming and as the years passed continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits. He won success in his undertakings and as his financial resources increased he made investment in property from time to time until he became the owner of seven hundred acres of fine farming land in Jones and Linn counties, from which he now derives his income. This is valuable property and makes him one of the substantial citizens of Jones county.

Mr. Hubbell gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office. He has spent his entire life in this section of the state, is well known as one of its representative citizens and his genuine personal worth has gained for him the warm regard which is uniformly accorded him.

GEORGE B. MACOMBER.

George B. Macomber, one of the most progressive business men of Olin and a man who has done much to advance the welfare of his community, was born in Cascade township, Dubuque county Iowa, March 13, 1867, and is a son of Gilbert and Margaret (Boyer) Macomber, natives of Pennsylvania, who were both brought to Dubuque county, Iowa, in childhood and spent their married lives on a farm. The death of the father occurred in 1901 when he was sixty-nine, but his wife died many years before, passing away at the age of thirty-seven years. They had three children: Charles H., who lives at Cascade; Carrie who married J. B. Cowan, of Winterset, Iowa; and George B., who is

the youngest of the family. The father married a second time and had four children: Elsie, Jessie, Mabel and Arthur.

George B. Macomber lived on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years of age and received a liberal common-school education. He also took up the study of pharmacy at the Northwestern University at Chicago. After his graduation he established himself in a drug business at Maynard, Fayette county, Iowa, and made a success of his enterprise, for he knew all the details of the work, having clerked in a drug store while studying his profession. In 1900 he sold his business and in July, 1901, came to Olin, where he opened another drug store and has since been very profitably engaged in this line of business. Mr. Macomber is also interested in musical matters and five years ago organized a brass band, now known as the Olin Concert Band, of twenty pieces, of which he has always been the leader. His first instruction in music was obtained in a country singing school and he has since pursued the art with increasing pleasure.

In October, 1894, Mr. Macomber married Margaret B. Parrott, a native of West Union, Fayette county, Iowa, and a daughter of William Parrott. Mr. and Mrs. Macomber have one son: Guy B. Mr. Macomber is city clerk or recorder and is identified with the democratic party, of which he is an enthusiastic member. He is also popular fraternally and is clerk of Big Wood Camp, No. 526, Modern Woodmen of America, and he is a Mason, belonging to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, of Olin. As a druggist Mr. Macomber is conscientious and can be relied upon implicitly for he has the welfare of the people at heart and carefully guards their interests as well as his own reputation for honorable dealing. He is a wide-awake man who is quick to see the benefit of changes in the city government and is very popular on account of his musical associations.

RICKLEF GERDES.

Not only has Ricklef Gerdes won success in his vocation so that he is one of the leading farmers of Richland township but he has generously given to others of his skill and knowledge so that much of the prosperity of his township can be placed to his credit. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, but more than the area of his fields is the influence he has exerted for the progress and advancement of his fellow citizens. He was born in Hanover, Germany, August 24, 1855, and is a son of Gerd and Grace (Kruse) Gerdes, also natives of the fatherland. In 1872 they came to the United States, locating in Wayne township, this county. Later they made their home with their son John, in Cass township, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Ricklef Gerdes was reared at home and, as he was about seventeen years of age when his parents came to America, he had obtained his education in the German schools. He spent one term in the schools of Jones county, however, to become more familiar with the English language. Since he has been a resident of this country Mr. Gerdes' life has been devoted to hard work. Immedi-

ately after his arrival he found employment as a farm hand, working by the month for the next six years. In 1878 he married and engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. For five years he tilled the soil as a renter and then, in 1883, purchased the place in Richland township on which he now lives. He has added to its original area, however, from time to time until he now owns two hundred and forty acres, one-third of which lies in Scotch Grove township. While he has engaged extensively in a diversified line of agriculture he gives his especial attention to dairying, milking on an average twenty-five cows. In both of his industries he has been very successful and receives a gratifying income from his labors. Of more value to his fellow citizens than his own prosperity is the influence he has wielded in their midst, for during the period of fifteen years he has served as township trustee and for almost a quarter of a century has been continuously the president of the school board. In the administration of his duties he is both upright and progressive, never failing to prove true to the responsibilities reposed in him.

It was in 1878 that Mr. Gerdes was united in marriage to Miss Mary S. Grumm, of Wayne township. She had been born, however, near Dixon, Illinois, where her parents had lived for a time after coming from Hanover, Germany. Thirteen children have been born of this union, all of whom are living: William, of Tulare county, California; Gerd, of Wayne township, this county; John, also of Wayne township; Margaret, who is at home; Fred, of Tulare county, California; Sophia, who is the wife of Arthur George, of Pomeroy, Iowa; August, who is at home; Hannah and Anna, who are twins and live at home; and Henry, Carl, Paul and Louisa, who are also at home.

Politically Mr. Gerdes is in sympathy with the democratic party, in his public life evincing fidelity to its principles, and he does all within his power to advance the best interests of his constituents. Regarding cooperative dairying of great value to the community, as director of the Klondyke Creamery Company he has promoted its interests. With his wife he belongs to the German Lutheran church, of which he has been director for the past fifteen years, in this fact again proving that his interests are those which most deeply concern the community.

BENEDICT SHERMAN.

Benedict Sherman, who has been a resident of Iowa for more than fifty years and seen the many changes take place that have developed this great commonwealth into the mighty state it now is, was born in Jefferson county, New York, October 12, 1835, a son of Eleazer and Nancy (Arnold) Sherman. The father was born in Oneida county, New York, while his wife was born at Watertown, Jefferson county, New York. When Benedict Sherman was ten years old the family removed to Ogle county, Illinois, and in 1855 the widowed mother brought her children to Iowa, the father having died in Illinois. She survived him for many years, living to be ninety-three and passing away December 5, 1907, at the home of our subject. The father died in 1852, aged forty-one years. They had nine children, as follows: Sarah Hammond, now deceased;

Benedict; Eleazer, who died in the army having enlisted from Cedar Grove in the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; Nathan, who died when nine years old; Lydia McCormick, who lives in Nebraska; Mary James, a resident of Wyoming, this county; Jay, who lives in Anamosa; Charlotte McCormick, a resident of Olin; and Nathan, a resident of Central City, Iowa.

Benedict Sherman was seventeen years old when the family arrived in Iowa and on account of his father's death he became the head of the family and much hard work devolved on him. They located in Madison township, Jones county, where he operated a farm until 1863. In 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company B, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Donald A. Carpenter, but was taken sick and discharged for disability in February, 1862. Returning home, he continued farming until about 1889, when he located in Olin and is now practically living retired, although he is still interested in Texas farm lands. He is a member of the Methodist church, and his social connections are with the Grand Army Post at Olin.

On August 29, 1871, Mr. Sherman married Sarah McCormick, who was born at Eleson Creek, Henderson county, Illinois, May 20, 1844, came here with her parents, John and Agnes McCormick, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Sherman was killed in a railroad accident January 16, 1895. One child was born of this union, Jenetta B., January 29, 1884, and died July 25, 1870. On November 18, 1897, Mr. Sherman married Mrs. Ella Brainard, the widow of George Brainard. Her father, Riley Calkins, a native of New York, was a pioneer of Jones county and died in Wyoming, Iowa, in March, 1890. There is one daughter, Frances, by the second marriage. Mrs. Sherman had two children by her former marriage: Verva Brainard and Charles Brainard.

Mr. Sherman has always endeavored to do what he felt was his full duty, both as patriot and private citizen, and he enjoys in full measure the confidence of his fellow citizens.

HON. F. J. SOKOL.

Hon. F. J. Sokol is one of the prominent citizens of Jones county who has made for himself an enviable position in commercial and financial circles, yet without allowing personal interests or ambitions to dwarf his public spirit or activities. His is the record of a strenuous life—a record of strong individuality, sure of itself, stable in purpose, quick in perception, swift in decision, energetic and persistent in action.

Born in Bohemia on the 22d of October, 1841, Mr. Sokol is a son of Frank and Josephine (Mishka) Sokol, who were likewise natives of Bohemia. They came to the United States in the spring of 1854, settling in Jackson county, Iowa, where the father entered land. Their first home was a board shanty, in which they lived for one year, when a substantial log cabin was built, covered by a clapboard roof. In this they remained until 1870, when they removed from the township of Monmouth to Monmouth, Iowa, where they resided until called to their final rest, the father passing away May 30, 1891, while the mother

died on the 8th of August, 1897. They were the parents of a large family but only four reached years of maturity and of these F. J. Sokol is the eldest. The others are: Josephine, the wife of William Bezdicheck, of What Cheer, Iowa; J. H., living in Maquoketa, Iowa; and George, whose home is in Monmouth, this state.

F. J. Sokol spent the first nineteen years of his life under the paternal roof and then went with a party overland to California, attracted by the recent discoveries of gold on the Pacific coast. They traveled with ox-teams, making their westward way over the long, hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes, and when five months had elapsed they reached the Golden state. Mr. Sokol first went to where Lathrop now stands. It was then a ranch and there he remained for four years, working a part of the time in the gold fields and the remainder of the time on the farm. Upon his return to Iowa in 1865 he rented his father's farm in Jackson county for a year but in the spring of 1867 turned his attention to merchandising in Monmouth, Iowa, continuing in business at that point for ten years. He prospered in his undertaking so that during that decade he was enabled to purchase his father's farm. In the fall of 1880 he bought another farm in Jones county adjoining Onslow and to that place removed, residing on this farm for twenty-one years. The residence having in the meantime been taken into the corporate limits of the town. He did not operate the farm, however, but gave his attention to his business. In 1881 he purchased a lumberyard in the village of Onslow and carried on business in that line for a quarter of a century, enjoying an extensive and growing patronage. During the same period he bought a half interest in the Onslow Savings Bank with which he has since been identified in the capacity of vice president. In 1905, however, he retired from the active management of business interests to enjoy in well earned retirement the fruits of his former toil, business enterprise and carefully managed affairs. He still resides in Onslow in a beautiful residence which is located on a fifty-acre tract of land lying in Madison township. He also owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Osceola county, Iowa. He is numbered among the prominent and influential residents of the part of the state in which he makes his home and his life record indicates what may be accomplished by persistent, earnest and indefatigable effort.

F. J. Sokol acquired the greater part of his education in Bohemia but also attended school for a short time after coming to this country, arriving in the new world with his parents in the spring of 1854. He has always been a broad reader and thorough student and has acquired a wide general knowledge in this way and thorough experience. He is widely recognized as a forceful man who has always conserved his energies and managed his interests to the best advantage, laboring for the welfare of the community as well as for individual interest.

In politics Mr. Sokol is a republican and in 1892 was appointed supervisor of Jones county to fill out an unexpired term, after which he was twice regularly elected to the office, serving on the board for a period of seven years. He was twice elected to the state legislature, serving in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies with honor to himself and credit to his constituents. He has never been an aspirant for public office and to each office to which he has been elected his nominations have been made by acclamation. He was the first

mayor of the village of Onslow, serving for four terms as chief executive of the town, his administration being businesslike, progressive and public-spirited. He has filled all of the minor offices of the village and township except that of justice of the peace, and refused to serve in that capacity. His fraternal relations are with Keystone Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., of Wyoming, in which he was raised in 1869.

It was on the 3d of January, of the same year, that Mr. Sokol was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bezdicheck, a native of Bohemia, born January 31, 1851, and a daughter of Vencil and Anna Bezdicheck, who came to the United States in 1858, settling in Jackson county, where the parents both died. Their family numbered four children and unto Mr. and Mrs. Sokol also four children have been born, namely: Blanche, the wife of W. D. Shuttleworth, of Osceola county, Iowa; Emma, who wedded Frank Shimerda, residing at Oxford Junction, Jones county, this state; John M., a practicing physician of Spencer, Iowa; and George F., a resident of Sibley, Iowa, engaged in the lumber and cement business.

While neither Mr. nor Mrs. Sokol are affiliated with any church they are both believers in the Christian faith and Mrs. Sokol is active in both church and charitable work. Mr. Sokol has always been friendly to educational interests and has provided each of his children with advantages for college education. He stands for all that is progressive in the life of the community and for all that is essential to the welfare and upbuilding of the state. While born across the water, there is no more loyal son of America within the borders of Jones county than F. J. Sokol and the honors which have been accorded him have been worthily won and worn. His business affairs have been so capably managed that he seems to have attained at any one point of his career the possibilities for successful accomplishment at that point and he has found that success is ambition's answer.

EDWIN C. VAUGHN.

Edwin C. Vaughn, a successful farmer and stockman of Wyoming township, was born on the land which he now owns and cultivates, November 14, 1867, and is a son of Philander and Lydia L. (Baldwin) Vaughn. The former was born in New York state, while the latter was a native of Ohio, where the couple were married and whence they came to Iowa in 1856. They settled in Jones county, buying the farm where our subject now resides. They made their home upon this place for several years and then removed to Wyoming, Iowa, where the father spent the last thirteen years of his life, passing away in 1905. The mother is still living in that city at the age of seventy-four years and has the satisfaction of seeing all of her eleven children well established in life. Philander Vaughn was a very progressive man, his ideas of farming being about thirty years in advance of his time and in the cultivation of his land he met with most excellent success, transforming the wild tract into highly productive fields. The children born to Philander and Lydia L. (Baldwin) Vaughn were as follows: Rudolph, who is living in South Dakota; Mrs. Flora I. Babcock, of Des Moines;



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Mrs. Stella Lindsay, who lives in Wyoming; George I., of Denver, Colorado; Edna C., who is the wife of C. F. Francis, of Davenport, Iowa; Lucy J., who is the wife of Ellwood Kirkpatrick, of Clarence, Iowa; Alton P., of Clinton; Susan M., of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Edwin C., the subject of this sketch; Fred, of Wyoming; and Harry, who lives in Kansas.

During his boyhood Edwin C. Vaughn attended the district schools near his home, where he derived a good practical education, and by assisting his father in the work of the farm he also gained an excellent knowledge of the occupation to which he has since devoted his time and energies. He remained under the parental roof for two years after attaining his majority and then commenced farming on his own account, renting the home place and another tract owned by his father, which he successfully cultivated for nine years. At the end of that time he was able to purchase the old homestead which consists of two hundred and forty acres, eighty of which are in Wyoming township and one hundred and sixty are in Oxford township. In connection with general farming he has also given considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle and road horses. Like his father he is a thoroughly up-to-date farmer and the success that has crowned his efforts is due entirely to his own good management and industry.

In 1892 Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Walston, who was born in Jones county and was one of a family of six children. Her father has passed away but her mother is still living in Wyoming, Iowa. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn are: Dillon C. and Palmer W., who are still at home; and Carter E., deceased. Mrs. Vaughn is a member of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Vaughn is a stanch adherent of the republican party. He has never sought any office within the gift of the people, however, although he is now president of the school board. In this capacity his influence is given to the advancement of the cause of education, for he is a man who is progressive in his idea—indeed, this is one reason for his success. Although Mr. Vaughn's interests are varied he still clings to the farm as the ideal home for a family.

PATRICK J. FAGAN.

Among the many men who have kept pace with the progress of Jones county and whose extraordinary success is representative of the prosperity of the agricultural community of Scotch Grove township, is Patrick J. Fagan, one of Ireland's native sons. He was born in County Meath, November 13, 1846, his parents being Thomas and Mary (O'Brien) Fagan, also children of the Emerald isle. In 1847 they came to the United States, settling first in Jersey City, New Jersey, where Thomas Fagan found employment in a starch factory. There strong traits of character, industry and the capacity to control men won for him rapid promotion, until he became foreman of the concern before he had been there many years. In 1856, after nine years' sojourn in the east, he came west to Iowa, taking up his residence in Scotch Grove township, Jones county, where he purchased first eighty acres of government land. A brother-in-law, Michael

O'Brien, had received a warrant for that tract, paying a dollar and a quarter an acre. Upon that Thomas Fagan established himself and engaged in agriculture, winning such success from his cultivation of the fields that he was able to add extensively to his original farm until at his death he was in possession of five hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Jones county. He died November 13, 1898, when he was eighty-one years old, while his wife had passed away many years before, being only sixty-eight years of age when her life was brought to a close.

At home, under the wise guidance of his parents, Patrick J. Fagan received that substantial training for the practical affairs of life, which has made possible his latter-day success, while his training in the rudimentary branches of education, obtained at the public schools of his district, was supplemented by a course at the Monticello high school. From his youth he was reared to agricultural pursuits and after reaching manhood he and his father operated the old homestead farm in conjunction. The partnership continued throughout the life of the older man, and upon his death his son acquired the place, which had been the scene of his labors for so long, for he bought the shares from the other heirs. He now owns five hundred and fifty acres in one expanse of fields, whose area, if nothing else, would entitle him to be numbered among the substantial men of his township, but there are other things besides his success that has given him an influential position in the community. The course of his life has contained nothing that was esoteric or should be hidden; all of his acts have been guided by high principles of honor and integrity and are worthy of imitation. Part of his fortune has been obtained through the cultivation of the fields but he has made a specialty of buying and feeding cattle and hogs, finding that his operations in that direction have been well requited.

On the 3d of February, 1885, Mr. Fagan was joined in wedlock to Miss Ellen Milan, of Clay township, this county. Of the seven children born to them five survive, namely: Thomas W., Margaret and Bernard M., who are at home; Rose, who is attending the parish school at Temple Hill; and Mary Frances, who is a pupil in the district school. The family are all members of the Catholic church, and besides being devout in their attention to their religious duties have put to practical application the teachings of the first day of the week. In political matters, Mr. Fagan has given his support unfailingly to the democratic party, under whose suffrage he has filled most efficiently the positions of road supervisor and member of the school board.

HANS H. ROHWEDDER.

Hans H. Rohwedder, who deserves special mention in this volume from the fact that he is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, was born in Holstein, Germany, February 8, 1839, a son of Marx and Katharine (Dethmann) Rohwedder, also natives of Holstein. The father brought his family to the United States in 1852, thinking that here he might find greater opportunities for



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advancement in business lines and better advantages for the members of his family than was possible in the fatherland. Upon their arrival in this country the family first located in Blue Island, Illinois, where Marx Rohwedder found employment upon the railroad. After a year spent in that place he removed to Joliet, Illinois, and was engaged in the construction of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for about two years. In June, 1855, he came to Iowa, settling in Clinton county, where he established his permanent home. He purchased a piece of raw prairie land which he at once began to break and put under cultivation and as the years passed he prospered in his undertaking, at the time of his death his farm being one of the well improved properties of the neighborhood. He passed away in 1880, at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife's death occurred six years previous when she had reached the sixty-eighth milestone on life's journey. They were the parents of eight children, who were as follows: Jurgen, of Missouri; Hans H., of this review; Hobke, who changed her name to Katharine upon her arrival in the United States, and who is now the deceased wife of Peter Ingwersen; Elsbeth, the wife of Nicholas Ingwersen, of Lyons; John H., residing in Madison township; Anna, the deceased wife of Ernest Studeman; Marx, making his home at State Center; and Margaret, who wedded John Peters of West Side.

Hans H. Rohwedder was a youth of thirteen years when he came with his parents to the United States, and his education, which had been begun in the fatherland, was completed in the district schools of Clinton county, Iowa. He also learned valuable lessons from his father concerning the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and upon the home farm received thorough and practical training in agricultural pursuits. He remained under the parental roof, assisting in the operation of the homestead, until the outbreak of the Civil war. Actuated by a spirit of patriotism, in response to the country's call for aid he enlisted on the 15th of October, 1861, as a member of Company M, First Iowa Cavalry, for a term of three years. He remained with that regiment throughout the entire period and during the meantime saw much active service, engaging principally with the bushwhackers in Missouri and Arkansas. In spite of the many hardships, privations and dangers which he was obliged to endure, never did his courage waver nor his loyalty diminish, for he served throughout his term of enlistment bravely and valiantly, and was discharged on the 18th of October, 1864, at Little Rock, Arkansas, with a most creditable military record.

After his return home he remained with his parents for about two years and then went to Missouri, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Chariton county, which he operated for about eight years. Later he sold that property and in 1880 came to Jones county, carrying on agricultural pursuits as a renter near Wyoming for a number of years. He purchased his present farm about fourteen years ago and has since continued to devote his time and attention to its further development. It consists of one hundred and two acres located on section 27, Hale township, which under his careful management and supervision have been brought to a high state of cultivation, the rich crops which the fields annually yield proving a source of gratifying remuneration to him. It is a finely improved place, in the midst of which

stand good, substantial buildings, and it is equipped with all of the modern accessories and conveniences for facilitating farm labor.

Mr. Rohwedder has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Margaret Gubel, a native of Holstein, Germany, who came to this country with her sister when a young lady. Unto their marriage were born four children, namely: Max, of Rome township; Dora, the widow of Hans Ahrendsen, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume; Lena, the wife of John Van Sprecken, residing in Rome township; and Johanna, who married Hans Ketelsen, of Woodbury county, Iowa. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1880, and in 1884 Mr. Rohwedder was again married, Miss Anna Neilson becoming his second wife. She also is a native of Germany, her birth occurring on the island of Fohr. Unto this second union were born five children: Louis, Margaret, John, Matilda and Henry, all of whom are still at home.

In his political allegiance Mr. Rohwedder was formerly a republican but now gives stalwart support to the democracy, and is now serving as township trustee, having filled that office for four years. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army post at Wyoming, and frequently attends the encampments, where he enjoys meeting his old friends and recalling the incidents and experiences of war times. He is a public-spirited man and although born across the waters is as loyal to the interests of his adopted country as any of his native-born fellow citizens. During his residence in Jones county he has gained many warm friends, who hold him in high regard because of his true worth and sterling characteristics.

GEORGE P. RUMMEL.

George P. Rummel, who at the time of his death was one of the oldest men of Jones county, was born at the foot of Little Round Top Mountain, Adams county, Pennsylvania, near Gettysburg, March 10, 1800, and passed away at Olin, February 9, 1891, aged ninety years, ten months and twenty-nine days. He was the eldest son of John Rummel, a soldier of the war of 1812, who died in the hospital at Black Rock, New York, in July, 1814, during that war. So loyal was the Rummel family that when John Rummel set forth to defend his country, his little son then but twelve years of age accompanied him intent upon enlisting also, but at Gettysburg he was rejected on account of his youth, and returning home the lad found a harder battle for him to fight than any waged against foreign foe, for all of the burdens of the family were laid on his shoulders. There is no doubt, judging his early efforts by those of his mature years but that he cheerfully discharged these duties and took care of the helpless ones depending upon him.

On March 10, 1825, George P. Rummel and Mary Stouffer were married and they had seven children: Jacob, John M., Andrew, George W., Josiah, David E. and Nannie J., all of whom survived him except the little daughter. However, now only three sons are living, George W., Josiah and David E., the others having joined him above. Mr. Rummel lost his wife in Richland county, Ohio,

February 26, 1849. He remained in Richland for several years longer, but in 1855 he came to Jones county, Iowa, which was his home until he died. On October 30, 1849, he married Jane Moffitt, who died at Olin, April 17, 1878, with no issue.

A stone-mason by trade, Mr. Rummel was employed by the government to build a dam across the Potomac river near Harper's Ferry, but after coming to Iowa he devoted himself to farming until his age compelled him to retire. Coming to Olin he had his own home until the death of his wife and then lived with his son David E. for the rest of his days. His early church connections were with the Evangelical Lutherans, but upon coming to Iowa he joined the Reformed church. Until the formation of the republican party he was a Jeffersonian democrat, but with the organization of the new political creed, he adopted it and supported it the rest of his life.

The funeral services of this really noble man were held at the Methodist church by the Rev. F. M. Schultz, of Lisbon, the Revs. Harper, Maultman and Camp assisting. The latter who were local clergymen paid fitting tribute to the memory of this man who had set so exalted an example of godly living in their midst, and the services were singularly impressive.

"Death hath no breach,
In love and sympathy, in hope and trust;
No outward sign or sound our ears can reach,
But there is an inward spiritual speech,
That greets us still, though mortal tongues be dust."

JOHN K. HALE.

John K. Hale, who for many years has been actively connected with the business interests of Cass township, Jones county, in various capacities, is now the owner and operator of an excellent farm of two hundred acres located on sections 15 and 16, and in his agricultural pursuits is meeting with creditable success. He was born in Guilford, Connecticut, on the 27th of August, 1858, and is a son of Samuel A. and Myrta (Kelsey) Hale, natives of Treble county, Ohio, and Killingworth, Connecticut, respectively. Although the former was a representative of an eastern family, he was reared in Ohio and after attaining manhood accompanied his parents back to his native state, making his home in Guilford for a number of years. For about twenty years he followed the sea, becoming the owner and captain of a sloop which operated along the coast. He was thus engaged until his return to Iowa in the fall of 1859, settlement being made in Cass township on a farm which he had purchased the previous year while on a visit to an uncle, F. W. Gillette. He passed his remaining days upon this farm, which is now in the possession of his son, William A. Hale, his death occurring on the 2d of March, 1868, when he had reached the age of forty-six years, three months and four days. He was a stalwart republican in politics and held the office of county supervisor, while he was also a faithful and consistent member of the

Episcopal church of Anamosa. He was twice married. By his first wife, Mary (Hubbard) Hale, he had one daughter, Martha A., who became the wife of H. H. Monroe. Both are now deceased. Later he wedded Myrta Kelsey, who passed away in Cass township, Jones county, on the 4th of November, 1886, when fifty-six years of age. Unto this union were born three children: John K., of this review: W. A., residing upon the home farm; and Carrie A., the widow of Arthur Hanna, of Anamosa.

In the fall of 1859, when a little lad of one year, John K. Hale arrived in Jones county, Iowa, and has since continued to make his home within its borders. He lost his father when but ten years of age, and two years later he and his younger brother took charge of the home farm and operated it successfully for a number of years. He continued to reside upon the homestead until his marriage, at which time he began an independent business career as an agriculturist, renting a farm for one year. He then purchased fifty-seven acres and after three years added another tract of eighty acres, while two years later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, so that altogether he owned two hundred and ninety-seven acres. At the end of two years, however, he sold one hundred and thirty-seven acres of his property and in 1892 disposed of the remainder, after which he removed to Anamosa and entered the grain business in partnership with C. L. Niles under the firm name of J. K. Hale & Company. He was identified with this line of activity for ten years, and during that time the partners invested in fifteen hundred acres of Dakota land. In 1902 Mr. Hale traded a portion of his land for hardware stock in Anamosa, and for three years he successfully conducted a hardware store in that city. At the expiration of that time he traded his business for his present farm, which consists of two hundred acres on sections 15 and 16, Cass township. He took up his abode thereon in April, 1906, and has since continued to make it his place of residence. He has introduced many improvements on the farm, equipping it with all modern conveniences for facilitating labor, and under his careful management the place has become a highly developed property. He combines general farming with stock-raising interests, fattening from three to four carloads of stock annually, and in both branches of his business is meeting with most creditable success. Aside from his farming property he owns the home in which he lived while in Anamosa, and he also is the owner of another city residence property which he now rents. He was a stockholder in the Welch Manufacturing Company of Anamosa during his residence there and was an active and prominent figure in the business circles and public affairs of the community.

On the 1st of March, 1879, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Black, a daughter of T. K. Black, one of the early settlers of Castle Grove township, Jones county. Her birth occurred in this county on the 15th of May, 1857, and she passed away May 17, 1881, leaving one daughter, Myrta S., who makes her home with her father. On the 15th of July, 1882, Mr. Hale was again married, his second union being with Miss Clara E. Stone, a native of Lovell township, Jones county, her birth occurring on the 19th of July, 1857. She is a daughter of Curtis Stone, who was ranked among the pioneer settlers of that township, where his death occurred. Unto the second marriage was born one child, Jennie K. Hale, who is engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Hale's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Cass Congregational church, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party, the principles of which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For six years he served as township trustee of Cass township and was a member of Anamosa city council for one term. He is now serving his second term as county supervisor, and is interested in all those movements and measures which tend to promote the general welfare. Starting out in the business world very early in life, becoming identified with agricultural pursuits at an age when other lads are busily engaged with their text-books, he has worked his way steadily upward and has attained a high place among the substantial citizens of the township and well merits the proud American title of a self-made man. His entire business career has been actuated by a laudable ambition to succeed and the prosperity which he today enjoys has come to him as the logical result of his great industry and well directed efforts.

JOHN W. BYERLY.

John W. Byerly, one of the substantial farmers of Jackson township, is a man of considerable force of character and one who occupies a prominent place in his community. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 13, 1845, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Byerly. The founder of the family in America was Andrew Byerly, who came from his native land, Germany, about 1745 and participated in the French and Indian war, serving with Washington. His wife bore the maiden name of Beatrice Gulding and was a native of Berne, Switzerland. A great-grandfather of John W. Byerly, George Creamer, took part in the Revolutionary war as a private in the Second Pennsylvania Continental troops and served under Colonel Philip De Haas. Six children were born to Michael Byerly and wife, of whom John W. Byerly was the third in order of birth. Michael Byerly was a son of Francis, and great grandson of Andrew Byerly, the founder of the family in this country.

In 1846, the Byerly family came to Jackson township, Jones county, Iowa, and this has been the home of John W. Byerly ever since. He received a common-school education and after he had finished school, he taught for five winters in Jones county and during the summer farmed for his parents until he assumed the management of the home place. He now owns this farm, which consists of two hundred and ten acres on sections 20, 21 and 29, Jackson township. It is in excellent condition and all of the present improvements have been made by Mr. Byerly. He makes a specialty of stock raising and feeding and has met with gratifying results in his work. This farm was entered by his uncle John Byerly. When the family came here they had no money but plenty to eat and their home was always open to those less fortunate than themselves. So hospitable were they that many times they boarded whole families upon their arrival here, and could never be induced to accept a cent. No one was ever turned away hungry. Mr. Byerly and his brother Milton are the only ones now residing in Jackson township who were here when Iowa as admitted to the Union.

The Byerlys have always been democrats and our subject follows in the footsteps of his forebears and supports the candidates of that party. He has been called upon to fill the offices of school director and road commissioner and has made a good public official.

On March 7, 1873, Mr. Byerly married Susie M. Johnson, who was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, June 21, 1848, and was brought to Jones county by her parents in 1850, having since made it her home. She is a daughter of James and Maria (Whaley) Johnson, natives of England, who came to America after their marriage, in 1838, and located in Michigan. The father's death occurred in Crawford county, Iowa, and the mother's in Clinton county, the same state. Mr. and Mrs. Byerly have had two children: Eva Mary and Earl Russell. Miss Eva Mary is now at home and is a very well educated lady, for after taking a high-school course she attended the Iowa State Normal School, where she was graduated and she also secured the degree of A. B. at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the degree of A. M. at Columbia University in 1908. She has been a teacher in the high-school of Cedar Rapids. Earl Russell was educated in the Anamosa high school and is now a farmer of Jackson township.

Perhaps no family is better known than the one bearing the name of Byerly. Its representatives have done much to develop and improve their part of the county and all have become well-to-do, have borne their part in public affairs and always led law-abiding lives.

JAMES STIVERS.

James Stivers, deceased, was for many years one of the representative men of Jackson township, where he was a pioneer. Through hard work and constant economy he accumulated five hundred acres of fertile farming land and was a well-to-do man at the time of his demise, July 25, 1884. He was born in Genesee county, New York, October 20, 1825, being a son of Benjamin and Saphrona (Strong) Stivers, natives of New York. In 1836 the family moved to Pomeroy, Ohio, and in 1855 migrated to Jones county, Iowa, but the father died on the trip at Tipton, this state. He was an exhorter of the Methodist church. His widow returned to Ohio, where she passed away two years later. They had a family of seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Polly Gilmore, Timothy, George, William, Daniel, all deceased; Adelia Pratt, a resident of Kansas; James, deceased; Norman, of California; and Benjamin F., who was a captain in the Civil war and is now deceased.

When James Stivers came to Jackson township the country was in a wild state and he had to go to Davenport for all his supplies. He began by buying seventy acres on section 36, Jackson township, but adding to his farm, he finally owned five hundred acres where his widow now resides. Not only did he put up a house and barns, but he set out shade and fruit trees and did all he could to develop and improve his property. In his younger days he followed blacksmithing, but later in life devoted himself to his agricultural pursuits. In 1849



JAMES STIVERS

he made a trip overland to California and returned two and one-half years later.

Prior to his marriage with the present Mrs. Stivers, Mr. Stivers married her sister, by whom he had one son, Enos H., a resident of Olin. After her death, he married in 1852 Elizabeth Clark, who was born in Virginia, October 31, 1829, but was only six months old when she accompanied her parents to Meigs county, Ohio, where she was married. She is a daughter of John S. and Katharine (Ewing) Clark, natives of Virginia, who died in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had nine children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Jane, Mary, Alcinda, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Samuel and Catherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stivers had ten children, who reached maturity, namely: John, who lives at Anamosa; Elvira, who married Samuel Monroe, of Olin; Alice, who married a Mr. Hayden of Jackson township; Charles; Olive, who married James Glenn, of Olin; Emma, who married Horace Story, of Madison township; Dan, who lives in Madison township; Nellie, who married William Osborn, of Kansas; Elizabeth, the wife of G. L. James, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; and James C., who is on the home place with his mother. There are two deceased: George M., who died at the age of fourteen months; and Minnie, who died at the age of eight years.

As a man Mr. Stivers was honored and respected by all who knew him. Possessing as he did fine natural abilities and those qualities which constitute the true man and valuable citizen, it was not difficult for him to win the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and business associates, and he was deeply mourned. While still living in Ohio Mr. Stivers joined the Methodist church, having been reared according to its teachings. Mrs. Stivers owns eighty-eight acres of the homestead and James C., who is with her, owns fifty-five acres. He is a good farmer and devoted to his mother and her interests.

S. A. BROWNELL.

Representative of the best agricultural interests of Madison township, which has been his home for more than two score years, S. A. Brownell is one of the well known men of his section, for not only is he one of the early settlers of the township but he is also one of those whose success has set a standard for others to strive to reach. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, January 10, 1836, his parents being Stephen and Thurza (Day) Brownell. They were both of New England birth, but as young boy and girl with their parents went to Chautauqua county where they grew to maturity, married and lived throughout the remainder of their lives.

S. A. Brownell was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools of his locality. In 1857 or 1858 he made a trip to Jones county, Iowa, spending here the months from January to June. Then he returned to his native state and in 1860 commenced railroading, following that business for some two years after the conclusion of the Civil war. In the spring of 1868 he came again to Jones county, this time to stay, for he purchased eighty acres of the

farm he occupies at present. On it he erected his house and devoted himself assiduously to the cultivation of the soil. Later he was able to buy eighty acres adjoining, so that the area of the place is twice that of the original tract. As success rewarded his endeavors and large harvests increased his means, he bought two hundred acres in Madison township, although he has now disposed of that land. He has followed general farming, for which his soil is well suited, but while his methods have been those most approved by the best authorities and while he has spared no efforts to produce the finest quality of cereals possible, his advancement in his vocation is due as largely to the careful husbanding of his resources as to his untiring industry. The union of these capacities for work and good management have been and still are the means of his success.

It was in 1883 that Mr. Brownell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Winslow. She was reared in Chautauqua county, New York, but her birthplace was in Connecticut. Six children have been born to the couple: Lilly B., who is the wife of H. H. Peck, of Wayne township, Jones county; May O., who was graduated from the Wyoming high school with the class of 1906 and is at home; George, who is deceased; Irene A., who graduated from the Wyoming high school in the class of 1909; and Aurrell L. and Nelson F., who are pupils in the high school.

Mr. Brownell has been a strong adherent of the republican party and never fails to cast his vote on the occasion of an election, but while he has served as treasurer of the school board, he has steadily refused to accept any public office, although his fellow citizens, having regard for the strong character and integrity of the man have eagerly besought him to accept some evidence of their respect for him. Fraternally he is a Mason, having been a member of the Wyoming lodge for a number of years.

JOHN HENRY HUNWARDSEN.

No country has given the United States better citizens than Germany, and sons of the fatherland are always welcomed here for they all have those homely virtues of honesty, sincerity, energy and frugality which when combined are certain to be productive of good citizenship and prosperous results. John Henry Hunwardsen, a farmer residing on section 30, Oxford township, is one of the best known German-Americans of Jones county. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, November 12, 1872, and when but twelve years old was brought by his parents to this country. He is a son of John H. and Matte (Thompson) Hunwardsen, both natives of Schleswig, Germany, the former born in 1837, and the latter in 1838. Upon coming to the United States, the little family made their way to Oxford township, Jones county, Iowa, and on reaching this locality settled upon a farm, where the mother died in 1905. The father now resides near Lost Nation with his son John. In the family were six children, as follows: Thomas, who lives in Woodbury county, Iowa; Edward, who lives in Oxford township; Emma, who married Henry Fiddersen, of Oxford township; Martin, who has

passed away; John, who lives at Lost Nation, and John Henry, Jr., whose name heads this sketch.

John Henry Hunwardsen lived with his parents until his marriage, at which time he commenced farming on his own account, continuing upon rented property for six years. He then bought his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 30 and 31, Oxford township. Nearly all of the improvements have been made by Mr. Hunwardsen, and he resided upon his property until 1909, when he rented it and removed to Oxford Junction, which is now his home.

On April 23, 1907, Mr. Hunwardsen married Christina Jansen, who was also born in Schleswig, Germany, September 14, 1890, and came to the United States with her parents in 1905. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunwardsen: John Henry, Matte and Harman.

PETER H. PAULSEN.

The tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Scotch Grove township, which represents the landholdings of Peter H. Paulsen, is one of the most up-to-date farms in the locality, being tilled by the most approved methods and enhanced by buildings of comfort, utility and real beauty. The man who has toiled so diligently that this gratifying state of things has resulted was born in Germany, September 25, 1868, a son of Bahne and Sabina Dorateha (Hansen) Paulsen. The father died in Germany, and the mother, with her three young children, came to the United States in 1870. She made her way to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, where she lived, and later in Charlotte, that county, was united in marriage to Nicholas Holst, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

As Peter H. Paulsen was but two years old when his mother came to this country, he has virtually passed all of his life in this state. From the common schools of Clinton county he obtained his fundamental training for the practical duties of life, while at home on the farm he became initiated into the work of agriculture. Even after he reached his manhood he remained in the employ of his stepfather and it was not until 1899 that he began his career as a farmer. In that year he bought the place on which he now lives—a fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres. In the intervening years since its purchase and the present Mr. Paulsen has added many improvements which have increased its value manifold. For instance, he has tiled the land and built one of the modern and commodious houses which are owned by the most prosperous farmers of Jones county. Of an age when a man usually comes into the fullest realization of his powers, the success of the past years should be but an indication of what the future has in store for him if he is most progressive in his ideas—a man who does not believe in standing still, rather in doing things and is always looking for some means whereby he may improve his place and increase the productivity of the soil. Such ideals combined with the large capacity for toil cannot but bring the most gratifying results.

On the 16th of February, 1899, Mr. Paulsen was married at Zions Evangelical Lutheran church in Wayne township, to Miss Sophia Catharina Bohlken, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerke H. Bohlken, prominent farming people of Scotch Grove township. Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen now have five children. Bernhard Nicholas, Agnes Sabina, George Heinrich, Meinhardt Paul and Amanda Christina.

In his political views Mr. Paulsen has consistently supported the democratic party, feeling more in sympathy with the principles annunciated by it than those of any other political organization, but has taken small part in local affairs. With his wife he is a member of the German Lutheran church and the success of his life has not been gained through any violation of its teachings.

ELMER J. NOBLE.

Elmer J. Noble, who occupies one of the finest homes in Castle Grove township, was born in Pickering township, province of Ontario, Canada, August 2, 1855, and is a son of Alfred and Margaret Hawkins (Vardon) Noble. The former was born in Markham, Ontario, Canada, May 27, 1824, his parents being Ambrose and Hannah (Badgerow) Noble. Ambrose Noble was a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, while his wife was born in the vicinity of the town. As a young man he walked to Canada, carrying a bundle of his possessions over his back, and his wife's people also journeyed on foot to that country, driving two cows with them. They located in the forest, about sixteen miles from Toronto, where Ambrose Noble procured a farm and conducted a tannery in connection with his agricultural interests. Nine of the children born to him and his wife are now living. Alfred, the eldest, was the father of our subject; and Martin, the youngest now resides with Alfred's widow.

During all his life Alfred Noble followed farming. He was about forty-three years of age when, in 1867, he came to the United States and located in Castle Grove township, Jones county, Iowa. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, to which he added one hundred and sixty more in the course of a few years, making a farm of three hundred and twenty acres on which his son Elmer now lives. Some years later he bought one hundred and twenty acres, adjoining the first farm, on which his widow now lives and which was his home until January 18, 1891, when he responded to the call of death. The greater number of the improvements on the two farms are largely the result of his efforts, for he was a man who had learned well the lessons of tilling the soil to the best advantage and lost no opportunity of increasing the value of the land he held. In March, 1847, Alfred Noble wedded Miss Margaret Hawkins Vardon, who was born in New Brunswick, January 19, 1829, on the farm on which her father, Thomas Vardon, was brought into the world. Her mother was also a native of New Brunswick, having been born in Penfield, near St. Johns. In the year 1840, Mr. Vardon moved his family to Ontario, where he and his wife passed the remaining years of their lives. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Noble four died in infancy. The others are Hannah, who died at the age of nineteen years:

Emma, who is the wife of Kenneth McCoulough, of Long Beach, California; Elmer J., the subject of this sketch; Marshall, of Houston, Texas; Harriett, the wife of Frank Scott, of Chico, California; Nellie, the wife of John Deischer, of Castle Grove township; and Minnie, who married Albert Starr, of Oelwein, Iowa. Blanche, the youngest of the family, died at the age of three years.

Elmer J. Noble was about twelve years of age when his parents came to this county, and now for more than forty years has been a farmer in Castle Grove township, for he worked for his father for a number of years, and later assumed the full management of the home place. It consists of the three hundred and twenty acres first purchased by his father and is under a high state of cultivation. He assisted the older man in the erection of the many outbuildings which are one of the features of the place, but the handsome twelve room dwelling, which was built in 1904, is the results of his own efforts and planning. Although its size alone would entitle it to special recognition among the houses of the township, it is its equipment, the modern conveniences and the many touches of refinement that have given it the name of being one of the finest in this county.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Noble was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Scott, who was born in Castle Grove township, March 1, 1864, and is a daughter of Napoleon B. and Mary Jane (Twamley) Scott. Mr. Scott was a native of Indiana and has now passed away, but his wife is residing in Lyon county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Noble four daughters have been born: Blanche, Elsie Claire, Grace Darling and Florence Elizabeth.

Since the organization of the Peniel Presbyterian church of Castle Grove township about eight years ago the family have been members of its congregation and Mr. Noble has been one of its elders. Politically he finds himself in sympathy with the republican party and has taken some part in local affairs, although he could hardly be called a seeker for official preferment.

WILLIAM ECKLER.

Among the older generation of farmers of Clay township who have not yet completely given up interest in agricultural matters, despite his advancing years and the fact that others of greater strength and possessed of the enthusiasm of younger years have assumed their heavier cares is William Eckler. He was long known as one of the most enterprising and successful farmers as well as one of the early settlers of his township. He was born in New York, June 16, 1822, and there grew to maturity, was married and lived until 1852, when he came to Iowa. Here he bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which he is still living and also sixty-two and a half acres of timber. The fields, which have proved to be such rich, arable land, were at that date in the wild state, but as it was prairie, the work of preparation for the reception of seed was not as severe as if the land was wooded, yet there was much to be done in breaking the land before he might sow his crops. He built all the houses and barns which now cover the place and instituted whatever other improvements were necessary. As in his New York home, he followed other pursuits in conjunc-

tion with his farming, so, after coming here he engaged in milling. He erected a sawmill at Clay Mills, which he operated throughout the whole year and until within a few years ago when he sold it, that he might give more attention to purely farming interests, for he found that stock raising afforded an even greater opportunity for a fortune than did the cultivation of cereals, and each year he gave more and more attention to it, feeding a large number of hogs and cattle for the market. Recently he has abandoned all active participation in the work of the farm, feeling justified in retiring by the fact that he had won a fairly large fortune in return for his labors.

While still living in New York state, Mr. Eckler was married to Miss Mathilda Hall, also a native of that state, where she was born May 27, 1825. She died in 1898, having reared a family of five children, namely: Adelbert, who was born in Herkimer county, New York, April 30, 1845; Jane A., who was also born in Herkimer county, October 13, 1847, and has married George Hanna; Roseltha, who was born in Iowa, December 15, 1853, and is the wife of Peter Blackmer; Susan Josephine, who was born in Iowa, February 18, 1861, and became the wife of Archibald Robinson; and James, who was born in Iowa, July 19, 1867, and has also married.

Mr. Eckler is a republican in his political views and has participated in the public affairs of his township, for he served for a number of years as justice of the peace. Many years ago he gave land from his farm for the erection of a school and the Baptist church, contributing generously to the latter for its building and later for its support. Mr. Eckler has been deacon of that church for a long time, and is still active in its work. When he started upon his business career he was without a dollar, but through industry and good management, united to wise judgment, he has accumulated a bountiful property. As it is the result of his own efforts, it carries with it no bitterness as do frequently fortunes which have been accumulated upon the misfortunes of others, and the record of his life is one which commands the respect of all. Mrs. Eckler, too, had the love and admiration of all during her life and was a devout member of the Baptist church, in which faith she died.

MARTIN HENRY CALKINS, M. D.

Dr. Martin Henry Calkins, whose life record covered the intervening years between September 15, 1828, and September 27, 1909, was born near Mexico, Oswego county, New York, and was the second son of John and Caroline (Halbert) Calkins. His only sister died in 1852 and his only brother perished in a watery grave in 1865. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Cushman, who preached the first sermon ever printed in America; of Mary Allerton, the last survivor of those who came in the Mayflower; and of Hugh Calkins, who came to America from Wales in 1638. He was also descended from Sir Thomas Kinne, who was knighted in 1618 and one of his Kinne grandfathers, Thomas Kinne, served in the war of the American Revolution. He attended the schools



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of his home county and became a successful teacher. He was teaching in Oswego, New York, when the first train of cars came to that city. When ringing bells and blowing whistles announced the approach of the marvel of the time the young schoolmaster said "School is out," and hurried away with the children to gaze upon the wonder which was then more marvelous than the flying machine of today. He held in 1851 one of the first state certificates issued by the educational department of the state of New York, his being number six.

He read medicine in the office of Doctors Bowen and Dayton in his native town and first attended lectures in the College of Medicine in Geneva, New York, and finished in the University of New York City. For three years he practiced in Constantia and North Bay, New York, and then came west, locating in Wyoming, Iowa, June 14, 1856, where he continued in the active practice of medicine until failing health in 1903 no longer permitted him to respond to the calls for his professional services. For forty-seven years he administered to the people of his vicinity in one of the closest, confidential and holiest relations in social life and into that life was so woven his cheery ways, sympathetic impulses, tenderness and helpfulness that he became a part of the collective whole bound by ties that time cannot efface. His presence at the bedside of the sick and suffering was often more potent for good than his powders and potions and the devotions of his patients was a natural sequence following the sunshine of his presence. He was thoroughly allied with the pioneer life of this vicinity and there were no journeys too long for him to make on horseback, or on foot sometimes when roads were impassable, to alleviate suffering. For forty-seven years he practiced in this vicinity and but few there are who are not indebted to him for some kindly service. Probably no physician in Jones county has done more work gratuitously. He was devoted to his family, a loyal friend and good citizen, and as such will always be remembered. He served his fellowmen with unbounded charity and kindness and was ever responsive to the dictates of duty. In the words of Dr. McLaren: "He did his best for every man, woman and child, year in, year out, in the snow and in the heat, in the dark and in the light, without rest and without holiday for more than forty years."

Dr. Calkins was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Louden, November 8, 1855, at the home of the bride's parents in North Bay, Oneida county, New York. Lucinda Louden first opened her eyes to the light of day May 15, 1839, in North Bay. She was the eldest child of Charles and Hannah (Cockett) Louden. One of her sisters died at the age of eighteen and the other sister died in infancy. She attended school in Cooperstown, New York, and also Ft. Plain Seminary. Mrs. Calkins brought the first musical instrument, a melodeon which she still possesses, and rendered the first vocal selection to an accompaniment ever given in Wyoming. Mrs. Calkins' grandparents came from Manchester, England, to America in 1810 and located in Cooperstown, New York, where the grandfather engaged in manufacturing cotton goods.

Dr. and Mrs. Calkins came west in 1856. Twelve lots in what is now the heart of Wyoming with a little house built of black walnut lumber became their home. In 1868 the little house was replaced by a house which has been their home since. Two daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Calkins. These daughters have neither aunts, uncles nor cousins as both of their parents were the last

of their house and name. Elva T. is the wife of William E. Briggs, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mary A. is the wife of Edward D. Chassell, of Le Mars, Iowa.

In 1862 Dr. Calkins, acting as an official for the state of Iowa, administered the oath to eighty-nine loyal citizens who assembled under the historic oak tree in Wyoming and were by him duly enrolled as members of the state militia, afterwards forming the majority of Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in the war of the rebellion. Six of the surviving soldiers were in attendance at the funeral service of Dr. Calkins. In the same year and again in 1863 Dr. Calkins was commissioned to take the vote of Iowa soldiers in the south. Upon his return he rode in a sulky from Wyoming to Des Moines, where he made his report.

Dr. Calkins was an active man in the community and imbued with liberal public-spirited sentiments. He was never an officer seeker but was more of a leader and an inspirer of progressive public sentiment. When the town of Wyoming was organized he was unanimously chosen the first mayor, being the candidate of all parties. For many years he was local surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and served for a number of years as a member of the board of pension examiners. In 1881 he was accorded the unusual honor of being elected to the legislature from Jones county without opposition, there being no candidate against him. Two years later he was reelected, though a very able and popular democrat opposed him. In the latter campaign in his home township of Wyoming two hundred and eleven votes were polled and an even two hundred of them were cast for Dr. Calkins, showing the hold he had on the affections and confidence of the people among whom he had then resided nearly thirty years. A well educated man, of practical sense, good judgment and conservative, he became one of the most efficient members of the nineteenth and twentieth general assemblies. He was made chairman of the committee on public health and, as such, worked through the house against seeming unconquerable opposition one of the most prominent and important bills before the legislature, which had been prepared by the state board of health to regulate the sale and use of kerosene oil and oil used by miners in illuminating coal mines, by a system of rigid inspection. Several states had similar laws and it was found that illuminating oils which did not pass their inspection were shipped into Iowa and were rapidly becoming a menace to human life and property from their explosive nature and low standard of safety. The bill provided for a higher standard and more rigid inspection than that of other states. Immediately on the introduction, opposition from the Standard Oil Company became apparent on the ground that it was an interference with their business and the process of inspection unreasonable.

The house was composed of fifty-one republicans, forty-five democrats and six greenbackers, or populists. The populists vehemently opposed the bill on the ground that it was solely a scheme to provide for a lot of officers to prey on the public treasury; the democrats opposed it on general principles, as did some republicans. Its progress was obstructed at every step by every dilatory motion that could be devised, until late in the session, when Dr. Calkins became satisfied that under the most favorable conditions it would receive but a bare majority. In the meantime Senator Larrabee had worked it through the senate by a vote of thirty-

two to eight, and sent it to the house as senate file 305. It was placed on file after a second reading. Dr. Calkins decided to let it rest.

On the last day and last hour of the session, with every member in his seat and making ready to leave, in the hubbub usual at that time, the doctor very quietly called up senate file 305, instead of the house bill, and when the clerk reached in his desk for it was missing. He notified the speaker, who instantly ordered all doors leading from and to the house closed and locked and then announced that the bill had been stolen from the clerk's desk.

There was at once great commotion throughout the building. Members began searching their desks, committee rooms were ransacked and after an hour's vigorous quest the bill was found tucked away in a drawer in the northeast corner of the building. It was returned to the house, hurriedly read, and passed without a negative vote, not a member being willing to go on record against it.

It has been in force since, has proved one of the best hygienic measures on the statute books, brings to the state treasury from twelve thousand to fifteen thousand dollars in excess of expenses annually and gives the state of Iowa greater protection against injury to human life and property than any other state. Dr. Calkins was one of the fifty-two who voted for the prohibitory law in Iowa.

In 1907 he prepared an extensive paper on "Recollections of the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies," which was read at a meeting of the Pioneer Law Makers in Des Moines. Dr. Calkins wielded a ready pen. His writings were original, witty and personal. But his personalities were more likely to be eulogistic than censorious. As a public speaker he was in demand for orations on the 4th of July and Decoration day. He was wonderfully useful in a field where few men are willing to give time and labor. He was the historian of Wyoming and gathered for public addresses and publication a large amount of exceedingly valuable data and his "Early Reminiscences of Wyoming" which he gave in 1878 in a home talent lecture course appears in this history of Jones county.

Dr. Calkins was a man of large mental endowment, of scholarly culture, of racy genial humor, a man healthy in body and never fearing to speak the truth; diligently he did his work and discharged his duty with contentment, cheerfulness and resolution. He possessed a vigorous personality whose broadly generous impulses coupled with sound judgment and independence of thought and action made him beloved to a degree seldom realized in human experience. Dr. Calkins is survived by his widow and daughters and three grandchildren: Martin Calkins Briggs; Walter Charles Briggs; and Mary Briggs.

ELISHA F. ELLISON.

During the fifteen years of his residence in Greenfield township, Jones county, agricultural pursuits have claimed the time and attention of Elisha F. Ellison, and during this period he has worked earnestly and diligently, his labors finding well merited reward in the gratifying prosperity which he now enjoys. In the winter of 1909-10, he removed to Martelle, where he is now living retired. Born in Linn county, Iowa, on the 26th of August, 1851, he is the son of John and

Rachel R. (Curtis) Ellison, the former a native of Belfast, Ireland, and the latter of Ohio. The mother went to Linn county, Iowa, in 1848, where she became the wife of Mr. Ellison. In their family were eleven children, five sons and six daughters, as follows: James, who passed away in 1876; Elisha F., of this review; Charles H., now deceased; Joseph S., a resident of Martelle; Hulda, the deceased wife of Joseph Kohl; Minta, the wife of Frank Boxwell; Nancy, who married Jasper Woods and resides in Linn county; Clara, the wife of Frank Myers, of Linn county; John, Jr., making his home in Linn county; Bertie, who wedded George Joslin; and Linnie, the wife of John Moore. The surviving members have all grown to years of maturity and have reared families of their own.

Amid the scenes and environments of rural life Elisha F. Ellison was reared to manhood, the period of his boyhood and youth being spent in the usual manner of country lads of that time. As a pupil in the district schools he acquired a good education and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the home farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil, while in the broader school of experience he learned practical lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. The period of his minority was spent on the home farm, but upon attaining his majority he entered the business world on his own account, choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. In 1874 he came to Greenfield township, locating on a farm of eighty acres in section 19. His early training under the direction of his father had well equipped him for successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits on his own account, and as the years passed and he prospered he was able to add to his original purchase, until his property holdings today consist of one hundred and sixty acres of the richest soil to be found in Greenfield township. The farm is under a high state of cultivation and everything about the place indicates a life of industry and thrift upon the part of the owner. He practices rotation of crops, makes a close study of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is meeting with most gratifying success in the conduct of his business affairs.

It was in 1875 that Mr. Ellison was united in marriage to Miss Alwilda Hunter, whose father was killed in the Civil war, no trace of him having ever been found. Unto this union were born three sons and three daughters, namely: George Henry, born July 27, 1876; William John, whose birth occurred on the 7th of March, 1878; Walter F., born January 1, 1880; Cora May, the wife of Perry Lemmer, of North Dakota; Myrtle Elma, born March 3, 1884, who married William Brock and makes her home in Martelle; and Anna Maude, the wife of Harry Porter, residing in North Dakota. There are twelve grandchildren in the family. On the 24th of March, 1889, Mr. Ellison was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, and on the 2d of February, 1898, was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah (Streach) Lemmer Paul, who by a former marriage became the mother of two children, P. J. Lemmer and Albert Lee Paul, the latter residing in North Dakota. She was born in Nova Scotia in 1855 and in 1862 came with her parents to Iowa, the family home being established in the central part of the state. Her parents, William and Ann (Cruikshank) Streach, are now both deceased, the mother passing away when the

daughter was eleven years of age, and the father's death occurring in 1897. She is a member of the church of Christ at Martelle, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of her life. Mr. Ellison gives his political allegiance to the democracy, doing all in his power to extend the influence of that party in the community. He was president of the Laurel Hill independent school district for about twenty years and is well known in business circles as the president of Laurel Hill Telephone Company.

Mr. Ellison is known as an enterprising and progressive farmer and the methods which he has followed are such as insure success. His labors are well directed by sound judgment and realizing the fact that zeal and energy constitute the basis of success he has pursued his work diligently year after year and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of Greenfield township.

HANS C. AHRENSEN.

With the passing away of Hans C. Ahrendsen Hale township lost one of its progressive and representative agriculturists, who for a number of years was closely identified with farming interests here. Born across the waters, he is a native of Holstein, Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 22d of February, 1866. His parents were Lawrence and Christine (Peterson) Ahrendsen, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States when their son was a young man of twenty years. The father followed farming here for some years, and now resides in Olin, Jones county, while his wife has already passed to her final rest. Six members of their family, three sons and three daughters, are residents of this country, while one daughter still makes her home in the fatherland.

Hans C. Ahrendsen spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native land, there acquiring his education in the common schools, and after his arrival in Jones county, Iowa, he began working as a farm hand by the month, being thus engaged for six years. At the expiration of that period, desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account, operating a farm in the capacity of a renter until about three years ago. In the meantime he had carefully saved his money with the hope that some time he would own a farm of his own. The invariable law of destiny accords success to untiring industry, energy and perseverance, and through the manifestation of those qualities Mr. Ahrendsen was eventually able to satisfy his ambition. He became the owner of two hundred acres of fine farming land located on section 21, Hale township, and to its further development he directed his entire energies. He brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and erected new and substantial buildings, making all of the improvements upon the place which today make it one of the valuable farming properties of the township. Everything about the place indicates that he was in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifest in agricultural lines, while his interests were so wisely and carefully conducted that he won substantial success

and was numbered among the representative and progressive farmers of the locality.

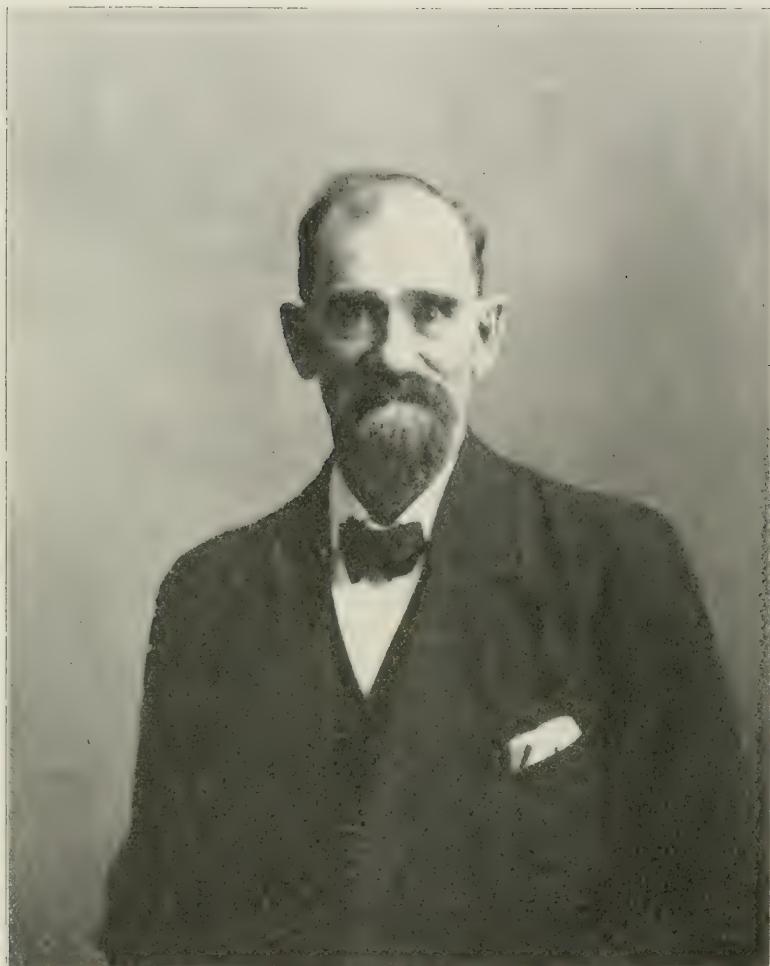
It was on the 1st of January, 1892, that Mr. Ahrendsen was united in marriage to Miss Dora Rohwedder, a native of Bryant, Clinton county, Iowa, born on the 30th of January, 1871. Most of her life, however, was passed in Jones county. Her parents were Hans and Margaret (Gubel) Rohwedder, natives of Germany, who came to the United States, the latter passing away in Clinton county, Iowa, while the former now makes his home in Hale township, this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ahrendsen were born seven children, namely: Margaret, Leonard, Hilda, Carl, Hans, Arthur and Anita.

In politics Mr. Ahrendsen gave his allegiance to the democracy, doing all in his power to further the influence of that party in the community although he neither sought nor desired public office for himself, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his business affairs. He was not remiss, however, in the duties of citizenship, for his influence was ever upon the side of progress, improvement, reform and advancement. He passed away on the 14th of September, 1908, and his death was the occasion of deep regret among the many warm friends whom he had gained during his residence in Jones county, and who entertained for him high regard because of his many sterling qualities.

FRANCIS M. BENEDICT.

Francis M. Benedict is numbered among those who have sought their fortunes through the cultivation of Iowa's rich soil and through their own well directed efforts have won a foremost place among the men of affluence in their section of the state. He was born in Malone, Franklin county, New York, September 25, 1847, a son of Michael Martin and Alathea (Coleman) Benedict, both natives of Williamstown, Vermont. The father, who was born on the 5th of August, 1816, was reared and married in the east. He lost his first wife and was again married ere coming to the middle west, his second union being with Ruby A. Hudson. He arrived in Iowa in 1868, the family home being established in Monticello, Jones county, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits for some time, and as he prospered he engaged to some extent in money loaning. He was identified with the grocery business in the east. With the exception of five years spent in Perryburg the period of his residence in this state was spent in the same house which he erected upon his removal to Monticello. His last days were there spent and his wife still continues to make it her home. By his first marriage he became the father of three children, namely Faber, a farmer of Bethel, Vermont; Francis M., of this review; and Henry M., residing in Los Angeles, California. The second union was blessed with one child, Herbert M., of Cass township, Jones county.

Francis M. Benedict spent the first four years of his life in his native town and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Bicknelville, St. Lawrence county, New York. There he acquired his education in the common schools and spent the intervening years until 1868, his time and energies being devoted



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mostly to agricultural pursuits. In that year he came west with his father and stepmother, arriving in Monticello, Jones county, on his twenty-first birthday. His parents made the entire journey by train, while Mr. Benedict drove in a horse and buggy from Chicago. During the next ten years, which were mostly passed in Monticello, he engaged as a laborer and in 1878 he located in Cass township, purchasing the farm upon which he now makes his home. At that time it consisted of one hundred and sixty acres located on the northwest quarter of section 1. About three years ago, however, he gave one hundred and twenty acres to his son, for whose use another dwelling has been erected upon the place. Mr. Benedict also owns one hundred and thirty acres in Scotch Grove township and sixteen acres of timberland in Castle Grove township. During his residence here he has continued to devote his time to general agriculture and stock raising, and that he has been successful in his undertakings is indicated by the fact that he now ranks among the well-to-do men of the community in which he resides. His home is considered the finest in Cass township, and his farm is equipped with all the modern and up-to-date improvements that go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. He not only occupies a high place among the township's leading and representative farmers, but is also well known in financial circles for as he has prospered he has been an extensive money-loaner.

On the 9th of April, 1871, Mr. Benedict was united in marriage to Miss Luanna Secrest, a native of Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, born on the 24th of August, 1852. She is a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Osborn) Secrest, the former born in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 19th of December, 1816, and the latter in Indiana, January 19, 1819. The father came to this county with his parents when a young man and was here married about 1843. He was numbered among the early settlers of Anamosa, where he conducted the first store, the town at that time being known as Lexington. He was thus engaged for many years and later removed his business to a store about four miles south of the town. He passed away in February, 1871, while his wife still survives and makes her home in Chicago. Their family consisted of seven daughters and one son, of whom Mrs. Benedict is the fifth in order of birth. The others are: Sarah, the wife of H. D. Sherman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Margaret, the widow of P. Smith, residing in Pueblo, Colorado; Jennie, the widow of C. McGowan, of Chicago; Josephine, the wife of Robert Shields, who makes his home in Santiago, California; Bell, who wedded Nicholas Nellis, a resident of Chicago; Douglas C., who passed away in Dubuque, Iowa, and Ella the deceased wife of Professor F. Gault. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have been born three children, who are as follows: Winifred, the wife of George Colton, of Colony, Kansas, by whom she has five children; Jessie, who married C. B. Darrow, of Cass township, and has two children; and Royal, who operates the home farm and is also married, having two children.

In his religious faith Mr. Benedict is identified with the Presbyterian church of Castle Grove, in which he has served as an elder for the past three years. He gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party, supporting its men and measures at the polls and doing all in his power to extend its influence in the community. He has never sought nor desired public office, however, as a reward for

party fealty, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his own private business affairs. Preeminently a man of business, as the architect of his own fortune he has builded wisely and well and now ranks among the wealthiest residents of Cass township, while his salient characteristics have been such as to make him popular with an extensive number of warm friends.

THOMAS J. and MICHAEL FINN.

Few of the men of Washington township can show a larger, or better record of years spent in profitable toil than can the two Finn brothers, Thomas J. and Michael, who conjointly operate a tract of eight hundred and sixty acres and are extensively engaged in the stock business. The strong traits of character which made it possible for their father, handicapped though he was by poverty and lack of education, to rise to a successful and well respected position in his community, after having overcome some of the most severe hardships that confronted the pioneers of Jones county in the early days, these and others, gained through their own struggles, have stood forth prominently indicating the why and the wherefore of their good fortune.

John Finn, the father, was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1816, and came to America in 1837, settling in Boston, Massachusetts. There he found employment with a Mr. Champney, who was in the service of the government, and for three or four years acted as general utility man in his establishment. In 1842 he was married to Miss Alice Murray, also a native of Erin, whose birth occurred in 1815 and who had come to America in 1836. After their union the couple started upon their journey to Jones county, Iowa, traveling only thirty miles by rail, for they passed by boat through the canal and the Great Lakes. Having arrived here Mr. Finn bought of Mr. Hutton, the first county clerk of Jones county, three hundred and twenty acres of wild prairie land, the warrant to it bearing the date of October, 1842. Immediately he began to break the soil and built a log cabin, putting a clapboard roof upon it. With continual repairing and additions, this served as his home until 1870, when he erected a new house, which with repairs, additions and improvements has done duty to the present time. Upon this half section of land he pursued his vocation as a tiller of the soil with a success which won the approbation of those who witnessed the manner in which he had surmounted the obstacles that beset his path. However, toward the close of his life, he sold part of the original farm, so that he owned only two hundred and forty acres at the time of his death. It was on the 15th of January, 1878, that his life was brought to a close. He was one of those energetic and persevering Irishmen, who had no fear or doubt that an undertaking might be beyond their powers and nothing presented an appearance of such harshness as to daunt them. His one idea in life was to succeed: he spared no effort to accomplish his purpose; but his record of work is honorable as well as gratifying from a financial standpoint. Having never enjoyed the advantages of a good education, he was but the more eager in his support of progressive educational facilities, doing everything in his power to bring schools of standing into the little

pioneer community. He was equally zealous in working for the church and was one of the committee of three to whom was intrusted the work of obtaining a site and securing the funds for the erection of the first Catholic church in Cascade. He was very attentive in the performance of his religious duties and surely his was a life which commanded the highest respect of everyone who knew him personally or by hearsay.

Of the family of seven children born to John Finn and his wife, Thomas J. and Michael, alone survive. The former was born September 7, 1845, the latter February 14, 1857, on the old homestead, on which they both grew to maturity. They attended the district school of Washington township, but the education derived there was meager indeed, so that the well informed minds, and the intellectual keenness which distinguish them today have been of necessity the result of patient home study and experience. When death deprived them of their father's assistance they came into the possession of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land. In the years that have since elapsed they have added to their heritage until they now own eight hundred and sixty acres all in one farm, which they own and operate in conjunction. In addition to general farming, the brothers keep about one hundred and fifty head of cattle each year, about three hundred hogs, and have six horse teams. Unforgetful of the rule of life which brought such large returns to their father, with energy, industry and carefulness they have conducted their undertakings, regarding nothing as impossible, should they but put their minds to its accomplishment, but at the same time are aware that the reputation for honesty and integrity was as covetable a thing as the attainment of prosperity.

Thomas J. Finn has not married, but in 1893 Michael Finn was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Murray, a daughter of James and Bridget (Kinney) Murray. Her father was born in County Roscommon, March 25, 1826, but when a very young man emigrated to the United States. For a short time he lived in Fall River, Massachusetts, and then, in 1840, came to Jones county, Iowa, where he secured a farm. Here through industry and frugality he accumulated a large competency, until in 1890 he felt he was justified in retiring from active work. Accordingly he took up his residence in Cascade, which remained his home until he was called to his eternal rest. On the 26th of April, 1861, he was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Kinney, a native of this country, who with the following children survives him: Mrs. Frank O'Brien, of Washington township; Albert, of Cascade; Mrs. Michael Finn, of Washington township; and Josie, of Cascade. During his lifetime Mr. Murray was one of the strong men of the community, a type of the courageous citizens who contributed to the early development and settlement of the wilderness. A man of firm character and uprightness, the eighty years of his life were spent earnestly and honestly, as should be those of a man who is at heart a Christian. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Finn are the parents of three children, namely: Josephine, born March 21, 1895; Joseph Louis, born April 26, 1897; and John C., born September 1, 1899. All are attending school. The family are members of the Catholic church, devout and attentive in the performance of their religious duties. In political matters the brothers have supported the democratic party,

and although ever strong in their adherence to it, some years ago when Thomas J. Finn was the candidate for county supervisor, he was elected largely through the votes cast by the republicans, an evidence of the general respect and high esteem in which he is held throughout the county. For twelve years he has also served as township trustee, and the public has had little need to regret their choice of a representative.

WILLIAM H. HANKEN.

Another of the estimable sons of Jones county who were born and bred within her boundaries is William H. Hanken, the date of whose birth is March 1, 1868. A glance at Mr. Hanken's lineage shows it to be German. Both of his parents, Wessely and Margaret (Hyen) Hanken, were natives of that country and it was there that they were married. Not long afterward, in 1854, they decided to try their fortunes in the new world and upon their arrival went west to Dixon, Illinois, where they tarried for a short time only. The opportunities of Jones county, Iowa, having been brought favorably to their notice, they concluded to investigate it for themselves, making the journey by team as the meager railway facilities of that day necessitated. With them came William Hanken's grandfather and three of his uncles, thus constituting quite a little company of kindred adventurers. The grandfather and two of the sons bought eighty acres of land apiece, the three tracts all adjoining. Upon the farm they found a log house, built by the former owner, and here they lived for some years. To add to the difficulties of living, all the supplies had to be bought at Dubuque and hauled home. The grandfather, whose name was Nanna Hanken, here spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five. The father met with prosperity and at the time of his death, October 6, 1906, he was the possessor of a large farm, three hundred and eighty acres in extent. In his family were seven children, namely: Margaret, the wife of J. H. Eden; B. H., a resident, of Langworthy, Iowa; Dan, of Aurelia, Iowa; Gerhard, of Scotch Grove township, Jones county; John B., of Colorado; and Fred, of Langworthy, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch was reared at home and secured his education in the common schools. Until 1897 he worked for his father, but in that year he took the management of the home farm into his own hands, renting the place from his father. In March, 1903, he became one of the landowners of Jones county through the purchase of two hundred and seventy acres from the estate of his uncle A. H. Hanken. Since then he has added to his holdings from time to time until he owns at present a magnificent estate of five hundred and twenty-six acres. Besides this Lovell township tract he has ten acres of timber land in Richland township.

On the 16th of June, 1897, Mr. Hanken was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Stadtmueller, who was born in Castle Grove township, March 1, 1870, a daughter of John and Johannah (Oltman) Stadtmueller. Her father is still living but her mother died June 28, 1909. Their other children were Max, a resident of Pomeroy, Iowa; Kate, the wife of Rudolph Jacobs, of Scotch Grove

township; Minnie, the wife of B. H. Hanken; Ferdinand, of Langworthy, Iowa; Austin, of Castle Grove township; Eliza, the wife of John H. Hanken; John, of Castle Grove township; Hannah, the wife of John Lienemann; and Ludwig, of Castle Grove township. Our subject and his wife have six children, who in order of birth are as follows: Hannah, Wesley, Rudolph, Gerhard, Lizzie and Minnie.

William H. Hanken is a stanch supporter of the republican party and is now serving his second term as township trustee. He is also a member of the school board and a valuable one as is attested by the fact that he has served in this capacity for the past ten or twelve years. Both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Hanken is one of those substantial citizens who form the bone and sinew of Lovell township.

D. A. CLAY.

D. A. Clay, one of the representative farmers of Hale township, is an Englishman by birth and an excellent exponent of the best characteristics of his country. He was born in County Essex, England, March 10, 1843, a son of George and Argentine Clay. When he was about eleven months old the parents moved to London, making it their home until 1856, when the family came to Tama county, Iowa, setting sail from the London dock, the day the treaty of Nance was signed. Mr. Clay remembers well the decorations of the ships in the harbor on that occasion. They came on a sailing vessel, the Devonshire, the trip consuming six weeks and three days, and they landed in New York city. From there they came by rail as far as Iowa City and thence by team to Tama county. This continued the family home until the Pike's Peak excitement, when they removed to Cedar county, and there lived until 1864. In the meanwhile John Clay entered Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry in 1862, and a year later his brother D. A. Clay, our subject, enlisted in the same company. The former served three years and the latter twenty months. Mr. Clay was with the Red River expedition, and participated in several engagements, being sent later to the Shenandoah valley. The regiment then joined Sherman's army at Savannah, Georgia. Owing to his state of health, having spent three months in the hospital, Mr. Clay was sent by boat to New York city on his way to the Shenandoah valley, and was there three weeks before the order came for his removal to the front.

Returning to his father's home, Mr. Clay found the family located in Hale township, Jones county, to which place they had removed while the two young men were serving their country. This continued his residence until the spring of 1909, when he rented his farm and removed into the village of Hale.

Mr. Clay is one of a family of seven children, namely: John and William, who are deceased; D. A.; Joseph, who lives at Sioux City, Iowa; Eliza, who married Uriah Switzer and died in 1906; and George, who lives in Rome township. Mr. Clay had an elder brother by the name of George, who served in the Crimean war and died afterward in the West Indies. George Clay, the father,

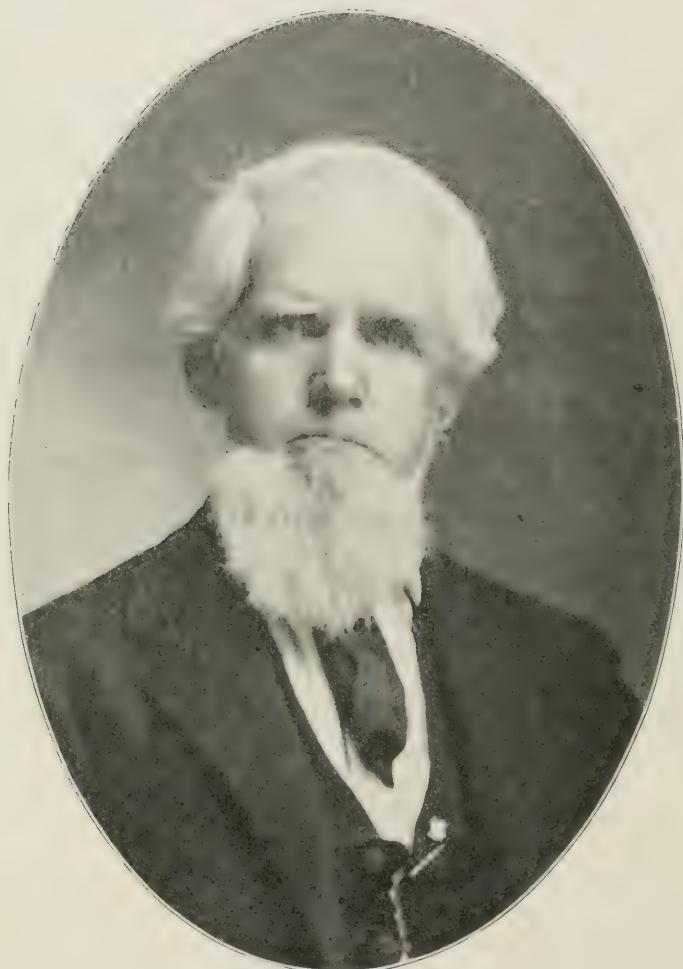
died in Hale township when seventy-four years old. His wife died there at the age of seventy years. By trade he was a blacksmith and in England made a practice of shoeing stage horses on a route running into London, but farmed after coming here.

On January 1, 1867, D. A. Clay married Lovisa M. Root, who was born in Connecticut, December 23, 1847. Her parents, Ozias and Emily Root, moved to Ohio while she was still young and from there came on to Iowa by ox-team, entering land in Hale township at one dollar and a quarter per acre. Ten years later they went to Nebraska, entering a homestead, and there both died. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clay are as follows: Emma, the wife of M. P. Smith, of Marion; Josephine, the wife of Edwin Sawyer, of Cedar Rapids; Ida, the wife of James Ballou, of Clarence; Orin E., a resident of Spokane, Washington; David O., who lives at Hartley, Iowa; Lydia, the wife of Wilbur Fowlie, of Stanwood; Bertha, the wife of Louis Patton, of Yorkshire, Iowa; and Leona, at home. Two other children died in infancy.

Mr. Clay has been very successful in his work, now owning three hundred acres of land, two hundred and twenty acres being in the home farm on sections 15 and 14 and eighty acres on section 16, Hale township. For years he carried on general farming and stock raising. He began farming with sixty acres and had to grub the land before he could put it under cultivation, the timber was so heavy on it. In politics he is a republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln while in the army. Mr. Clay has been road supervisor and township trustee for twelve years, and for eight years was a member of the county board of supervisors. A member of the Free Will Baptist church, he has always been prominent in its good work and is now one of its trustees and has held that position for many years. Ben Paul Post, No. 130, G. A. R., of Wyoming, claims him as one of its enthusiastic supporters, and he also belongs to the American Patriots of Wyoming. Many years have passed since this sturdy English-born man responded to the call of his adopted country and entered its service to fight for the Union, and yet the memory of those thrilling days remain with him as vividly as ever. As a private citizen he has displayed that same loyalty to law and order which characterized his action on the battlefield, and his industry and thrift have been richly rewarded not only by material advancement but by the gaining of warm personal friends and the respect and confidence of the community where he is such a well known person.

M. O. FELTON.

Very few of the men who came to Jones county in the early days are still living, and of these, few if any, had greater experience with the many different phases of pioneer conditions than M. O. Felton, who has now retired from the active life of a farmer and lives in Center Junction. Unbroken wilderness, prairie schooners, log houses, primitive schools, and all the hardships of those first years of colonization have left their impress upon his memory. This venerable citizen of Jones county was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 14, 1828, being



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a son of Alexander and Frances (Wells) Felton. His is a representative of an old colonial family, the first of his ancestors to come to America being Nathaniel Felton, a native of England, who settled at Salem, Massachusetts. Many of his descendants still reside around Boston, while others have been pioneers of nearly every state of the Union. Our subject's grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier and other members of the family have fought on the right side of the other wars in which their country has engaged.

Alexander Felton, our subject's father, was a native of Franklin county, Massachusetts, while the mother was born near Richmond, Virginia, but both had gone to Ohio as young people. In fact the mother was only twelve years of age when her parents took up their residence in that state, which was still in its primitive condition, and Mr. Felton was but little older when he began the work of clearing the place for himself. In Highland county, Ohio, the couple were married and in the spring of 1832, when M. O. Felton was about four years of age, they removed to Marion county, Indiana, locating near Indianapolis, where they joined the band of men and women who were endeavoring to reclaim the virgin country. There the parents passed the remainder of their lives, death calling the father when he was in his sixtieth year, and the mother when she had tolled off eighty-two years.

M. O. Felton was reared, from his fourth year, in Marion county, Indiana, and pursued his studies in a little log cabin school where the children of the pioneers acquired some knowledge of books. Rough hewn logs formed the sides of the little building, puncheons made the floor, and the pupils sat upon rude benches which consisted only of slabs of wood. When he was nineteen years of age Mr. Felton returned to his native state and in Highland and Brown counties obtained his first experience as a teacher. The next year he returned to his home, taught in the winter months, while he himself attended school through the summer, being a student at Marion Seminary, Indianapolis, in the summer of 1850. He taught in every state between Ohio and Iowa. In July, 1853, he came to this state, stopping first at Bloomfield, Davis county, and then locating in Jones county. In August, just before the elections, he ate his first dinner at the Waverly House in Anamosa, and that fall, it becoming known that he was a teacher of repute he was hired by the citizens of Scotch Grove township to conduct its school. A log cabin had been previously erected to serve as an educational institution, and here Mr. Felton opened his fall classes. But as the fame of his instruction spread and the number of his pupils increased, the little house was not large enough to accommodate the sixty boys and girls who came from far and near to profit by his training. Accordingly the church was turned over to school uses and the winter term was conducted in it.

Among the many enrolled in that first class in Scotch Grove township, was a young woman, who immediately attracted Mr. Felton's attention and who later became his wife, theirs being the first marriage celebrated in Madison township. He entered a quarter section of land, in what is now Madison township, but which was then included in Clay precinct, which comprised four of the present townships. In 1854, he married and that same year the young couple returned to Marion county, Indiana, for Mr. Felton's father had died and he was needed by his mother to care for the home farm. For two summers he

operated the place and then in that year of 1856, he fitted out a prairie schooner and a team or horses, preparatory to bringing his wife and baby back to Jones county. He made his start after the nomination of the first republican presidential candidate, and as his sympathies were with that newly organized party on the sides of his schooner he painted the banner "Fremont and Dayton Our Candidates." As the great wagon was hauled from Indiana to Iowa it tacitly did a great deal of electioneering, and, owing to the banner, Mr. Felton made on the journey a number of acquaintances, whose friendship lasted through many years. In the spring of 1857, he moved into the frame shanty, sixteen by eighteen feet in dimensions, which he had put up on his land and immediately commenced to break the soil which was to give him a livelihood. With so much diligence did he prosecute his work that in a few years it was blooming like a garden and returning to him a handsome interest upon his investment of thought and industry. For a period of forty years he pursued his vocation as a farmer, winning a success which justified him in relinquishing the heavier cares of life and removing to Center Junction, which has been his home since 1898. At one time he owned two hundred and eighty acres, all in one body, and the farm which was the scene of his labors and the home of his eight children until their maturity, is still in the possession of the family.

It was on the 29th of August, 1854, that Mr. Felton was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Kraus, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 14, 1833. She was only twelve years of age, however, when her parents brought her to this country, and after spending a few years in Kane county, Illinois, came in 1853 to Jones county. The eight children born to this couple grew to maturity but two of them have now passed away. Margaret, the eldest, born June 15, 1855, married George E. Kegley and died February 2, 1890. George Leslie, born November 12, 1857, is a banker and merchant in Millerton, Oklahoma. Alford Nichols, born January 27, 1860, is a farmer and lives at Gooding, Idaho. Oliver John, who was born February 22, 1863, is a lawyer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Charles Wesley, born October 31, 1865, is a railway division agent and lives in Sioux City, Iowa. Annie W., who was born December 31, 1867, became the wife of A. Porter and lives in Maquoketa, Iowa. Harlan Phillip, a physician, born December 21, 1871, has passed away. William Reed, the youngest of this family, born November 10, 1874, is a civil engineer in Miles City, Montana.

Few of the couples who have been married in Jones county can show a record of more than fifty-five years spent in harmony and companionship, as can Mr. and Mrs. Felton. And yet despite the hard toil, which is inseparable from the life of the husbandman, especially if he is a pioneer as well, Mr. Felton looks like a man of sixty-five or seventy years, so well preserved is he and such good health does he enjoy. Nor does his wife give much evidence of advanced years. They are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for more than two score of years Mr. Felton served on the official board. Politically he has always been a strong republican and during the years of his activity took a vital part in local affairs, for he was trustee and assessor of the township, and also served as justice of the peace. He belongs to Wyoming Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of Keystone Chapter, No. 206, R. A. M., of that village. His life, long and useful, the years of which have contributed

more than can be adequately told toward the development of Jones county, is a record of which Mr. Felton might be justifiably proud, while it is one which demands from his fellow citizens the most unqualified and unequivocal respect and esteem. As one of the very earliest settlers of this section of the state, he deserves distinction, but as a man of strong character and high principles he is worthy of the highest tributes which may be paid to any.

JAMES LUTHER PIKE.

James Luther Pike, one of the veterans of the Civil war now residing in Olin, whose record is one that is worthy of more than passing mention, has proven himself a patriot in both war and peace and is now realizing the esteem in which he is held by a grateful country. He was born near Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, August 24, 1846, a son of Joel and Permilla (Newton) Pike, who were married in Coventry, Chenango county, New York, October 22, 1838, and emigrated later to Ohio. They were farmers and seeking better opportunities they came farther west to Jones county, Iowa, driving across the country, and both died in the new home, he January 21, 1853, aged fifty-three; and his wife August 14, 1860, aged fifty-two. The father had been married before and had three children as follows: Orlando and Albert, who have passed away; and Matilda, who is the widow of Lucius Shepard, of Poweshiek county, Iowa. By his second marriage he had six children, namely: Clarissa, who married Usal Barker; Alma, who married Hiram Slagle, of Nebraska; Ruth I., the deceased wife of John M. Mason; James Luther, who is the fourth in order of birth; Simon P., who died in 1907 in Dakota; Eleanor who married John Shook, of Nebraska.

Losing his father when he was seven years old and his mother when but thirteen, James Luther Pike was early deprived of parental care and was forced to earn his scanty living working around among the neighbors by the month, until he was fifteen and one-half years old. It was then, when only a lad, he enlisted in Company K, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain S. E. Hicks, and he served three years and three months. He veteranized in the Western Army under Grant and Sherman. Among other engagements, he participated in the battles of Iuka, Corinth, Vicksburg and Jackson, and was captured with his regiment at Tilton, Georgia, and sent to Andersonville prison. Then followed a terrible experience from October 13, 1864, to April 28, 1865. The only sickness with which he was afflicted was that of measles soon after joining his regiment.

Returning home this brave soldier who bore very plainly the traces of his sufferings in prison, engaged in teaming and followed this line of work for several years before the building of the railroad. He hauled goods from Clarence and later he ran a dray for fourteen years. He afterward rented a farm and conducted it for four years, and then retired to Olin, where he has since resided, enjoying a well earned rest, for his life has been a strenuous one.

On December 2, 1866, Mr. Pike married Eliza Bryan, born near Ticonderoga, New York, April 27, 1847, and came to Iowa when about ten years old with her

parents, James and Lavina (Crossman) Bryan, the former of whom died in the service of his country during the Civil war, in Company B. Thirty-first Iowa, at Black River, Mississippi, while his wife died in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Pike became the parents of two children: Enola, who married James Vernon, lives two miles south of Olin; and Hattie A. is at home. On April 4, 1909, Mr. Pike was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who then passed to her last reward. She was a lady of lovely, Christian character and her place can never be filled, although Miss Hattie is striving to comfort her father and take care of the home.

Mr. Pike has spent nearly all of his life in Jones county, and all of his mature years with the exception of one when he was in Boone, Iowa, and one year in Nebraska. Although he was a veteran of years' standing, Mr. Pike was not old enough to vote until General Grant was the candidate for president and he takes pride in the fact that his first presidential vote was cast for him. He has been prominent in republican affairs and served as a member of the council for several years; is one of the present township trustees and is much interested in securing the best possible government for his community. In religious faith he is a member of the Christian church and he is one of the trustees of that body. He belongs to the Masonic order, being connected with Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, of Olin, and he is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Energetic, interested in current matters, a good talker and possessed of a pleasant, convincing manner, Mr. Pike has many friends and is one of the highly esteemed men of Olin.

JOHN E. KETCHAM.

John E. Ketcham, who passed away on the 28th of June, 1902, is still well remembered by many residents of Cass township as a progressive and successful farmer and a public-spirited citizen who for more than three decades was helpfully identified with the affairs of the community. Born in Morris county, New Jersey, on the 29th of February, 1824, he was a son of John and Johanna (Burnett) Ketcham, also natives of that state. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the common schools, which he attended at intervals until he was nineteen years of age. After laying aside his text-books he learned the blacksmith's trade in Delaware county, Ohio, to which place he removed about 1848. He followed that occupation for about twenty years and then in 1867 came to Iowa, locating in Cass township, Jones county, where the remainder of his life was spent. He purchased two hundred acres on section 17, which was raw prairie land when it came into his possession, and immediately set about its improvement and development. He later purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, which had already been brought under cultivation and upon which the family now reside. As the years passed and he prospered he was able to add still more to his property holdings, until at the time of his death he was the owner of four hundred and forty acres of farm and prairie land and fifteen acres of timber land,

most of which is now in the hands of his children. In addition to his general farming he dealt extensively in livestock and both branches of his business proved most gratifying sources of annual revenue.

It was in 1850 in Ohio that Mr. Ketcham was united in marriage to Miss Martha Wheaton, a native of Seneca county, New York, born on the 30th of July, 1824. She is a daughter of Squire and Mercy (Jacobus) Wheaton, both natives of Morris county, New Jersey, and went to Delaware county, Ohio, with her parents, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Ketcham. In their family were seven children, namely: William Lewis, who died in Cass township in 1906, at the age of fifty-six years, leaving a widow and four daughters; Emma, the widow of George W. Lake, of this township, by whom she has five children: Johanna Louisa, residing at home; Harriett Martha, also at home; James Harrison, who is also married and lives on the home farm; John Merritt, who passed away in infancy in Ohio; and Elmer, residing on a farm in Cass township, who is married and has two children. All of the members of the family were born in Delaware county, Ohio.

Mr. Ketcham was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, and was a member thereof for many years. At the time of his death, however, he held membership with the Cass Center Congregational church. He was a stalwart supporter of the republican party, and although not an office-seeker, did all in his power to further the interests of the party in the community. He was most public-spirited in his citizenship, the weight of his influence being thrown at all times upon the side of improvement, progress and reform. He passed away on the 28th of June, 1902, at which time Cass township lost one of its most valued and representative citizens. His wife still survives at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, and resides upon the old homestead. She has become widely known during her many years of residence in this township, and her many excellent traits of character have endeared her to a large number of warm friends.

JOHN HENRY GRAFFT.

John Henry Grafft, a hard-working farmer of simple tastes, a born agriculturist and a good citizen, is one of the native-born sons of Jones county, Iowa, having come into the world one mile north of his present home in Jackson township, September 3, 1853. He has spent his life in that township and makes his home on his well improved farm of three hundred and eighty acres, which he has secured through his own individual efforts. He is a son of David W. and Christine (Byerly) Grafft, natives of Ohio, who came to Iowa in the '40s. Their married life was spent in Jackson township, where David Grafft entered land, eventually becoming the owner of about seven hundred acres. Nine children came to them, as follows: William S., who lives at Central City, Iowa; John Henry; Mary Katherine, who married Frank Blayne, of Jackson township; Martha Ann, who married Louis Porter, of Cherokee county, Iowa; James Albert, who lives in California; David Edward, who lives in Lyon county, Iowa; Della Jane, who married Robert McMurn, of Cherokee county; Frank, who

lives in Rome township; and Elizabeth Ellen, who married William Lust, of Cherokee county.

John Henry Grafft has one of the best farms in Jackson township and has made his own improvements. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and, recognizing the value of blooded stock, makes a specialty of high grade Durham cattle. He has inaugurated many new methods of farming and has his three hundred and eighty acres under a high state of cultivation. This farm lies on sections 28 and 29, Jackson township, with the exception of eight acres in Rome township.

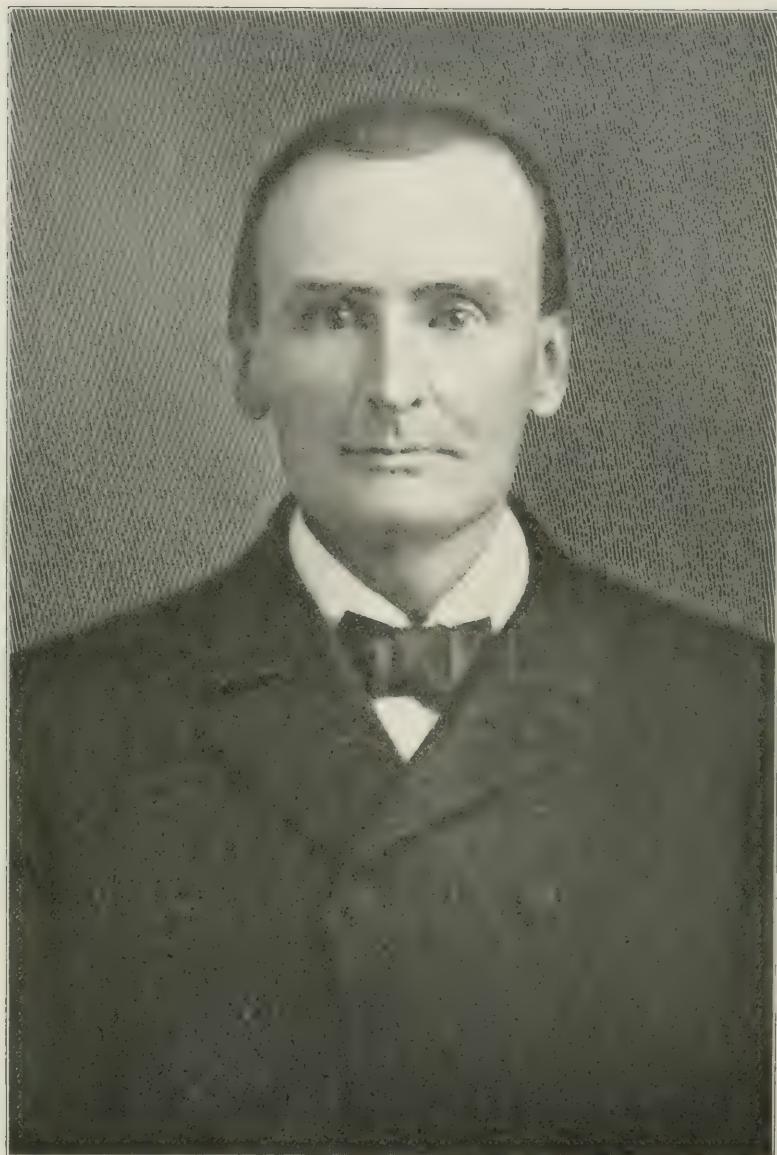
In 1874, Mr. Grafft married Amanda Jane Gilmore, who was born in Rome township, July 4, 1858, a daughter of George and Amanda Gilmore, natives of Ohio, who were married in Iowa. Both died in Jones county. Mr. and Mrs. Grafft have had a family of seven children, as follows: William Edward, who lives in Rome township; Essa May, who is the wife of Howard Miller, of Anamosa; Francis Delbert, who was killed at the age of thirty by a horse; Stacy Clyde, who lives in South Dakota; Bertha Pearl, who married Raleigh Shoop, of Rome township; and Clarence Ray and Jessie, who are at home.

The Grafft family are widely known and much respected. Nearly all bearing the name are connected with agricultural pursuits, and as the farmers of Iowa and other western states are fast becoming the most important citizens, being in comfortable circumstances and interested in advancing their communities. John Henry Grafft is a democrat in political faith and supports the candidates of his party with steadfast fidelity.

JAMES BROWN.

There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability who by reason of their capacity for leadership in one or other ways, become recognized as foremost citizens and are called upon to bear an important part in public affairs. Such a man is James Brown, who has the distinction of being the wealthiest man of Jackson township and who has won his prosperity through natural sagacity, industry and good investments.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27, 1842, being a son of John and Margaret (Lockie) Brown, natives of Berwickshire, Scotland, where he was born July 25, 1810, and his wife August 17, 1812. They were married in 1837. In 1838, they became residents of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1844 removed to Davenport, Iowa. Not being suited with the place in two weeks they left it for Galena, Illinois, where they remained about ten years, and finally came to Jones county, Iowa, settling near the present farm of James Brown on section 11, but the house now stands on section 2, Jackson township. Here the father died October 10, 1891, while his wife preceded him, having passed away February 28, 1889. In their family were the following children: Margaret, who died in Galena, Illinois, aged six years; Janette, who died in Galena when three years old; George, who died when eleven years two months and twenty-two days old, in August, 1865; James, who was the fourth in order of birth; John who owns



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two hundred acres in Jones county, Iowa, but lives in Los Angeles, California; and two children who died in Cincinnati.

On March 20, 1884, James Brown married Mary McBride, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was brought to Jones county, Iowa, by her parents, John and Isabella Jane (Craig) McBride. She died May 27, 1888, at the age of thirty-five years two months and twenty-one days, leaving two children; Margaret Jannette and John N. In 1891 Mr. Brown married Minnie Ahlrich who was born in Oldenberg, Germany, in August, 1863, and was brought to Jones county by her parents John and Katherine Ahlrich when she was twenty years of age. By this marriage there were two children: James George, who was born April 3, 1892, and died January 17, 1909; and Katherine Elizabeth, born August 24, 1900.

Mr. Brown owns two hundred and sixty-eight acres of rich farming land on sections 2 and 11, Jackson township. At one time he had ninety acres more but disposed of it. In addition he owns nine hundred and sixty acres of land in Nueces and Starr counties, Texas, in partnership with his son. He has other investments which pay well and he enjoys a large income annually. It has always been his practice to live economically, to save a portion of his earnings and to invest them wisely, and thus it is that his holdings have increased to their present proportions. In politics he is a republican and he was elected school director when twenty-one years of age, which office he held for a number of years. His religious affiliations are with the United Presbyterian church. Such men as Mr. Brown are a credit to any community and he can always be depended upon for a sound, conservative judgment upon matters of public import.

In the early years of his residence here Mr. Brown has seen as many as forty deer in one herd in Jackson township as the country was then wild and unimproved, the prairie grasses being higher than a man's head when on horseback. In 1854 he once started out on foot to hunt his cows which had strayed from his home one mile west of Center Junction and before finding them walked four or five miles northwest of that town, traveling about four miles before he came to a fence of any kind. In the work of development and progress he has ever borne his part and is recognized as one of the honored early settlers of the county.

EDWARD M. HARVEY.

Edward M. Harvey, now filling the position of justice of the peace in Anamosa, was for almost a half century closely identified with the building operations of the city and surrounding district as a contractor. In this connection he became recognized as a capable and expert workman and as a man of the utmost reliability in all business transactions.

His birth occurred in Onondaga county, New York, September 24, 1835, his parents being John and Lydia (Booker) Harvey, who were natives of Chester, Suffolk county, England. They were reared in that city, which is one of the oldest and quaintest on the "merry isle," still showing evidences in the old stone wall which surrounded the city after the invasion of Julius Caesar in 50 B. C., for that monarch was the builder of the city wall. Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey

were reared and married in England and in 1832 crossed the Atlantic to America in one of the old-time sailing vessels which were the only means of navigation at that period. They settled in the state of New York, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away in 1868 at the age of seventy years, his birth having occurred in 1798. The mother died in 1843 at the age of forty-five years, and both were laid to rest in the burying ground at the old home. They were the parents of nine children: William B., Jane, Mary, John, James, Harriet and Charlotte, all now deceased; and Henry G., who is residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and is the only survivor of the family with the exception of our subject.

Edward M. Harvey spent the first eighteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and then went to another part of the state, where he learned the carpenter's trade. Two years later, in 1855, he made his way westward to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he followed his trade for two years and then returned to the Empire state. It was in New York, on the 7th of January, 1858, that he wedded Miss Lucy L. Clark, a daughter of Alexander and Jemima (Jackson) Clark, both of whom were natives of Onondaga county, New York.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harvey came to Anamosa, where they have since resided. It was then a small town of comparatively little commercial or industrial importance and with its substantial improvements since that time Mr. Harvey has been closely associated. He began contracting and building here and continued actively in that business with growing and gratifying success until the year 1904. He was then called to the office of justice of the peace, which position he is still filling. His decisions are fair and impartial and his course in office has "won him golden opinions from all sorts of people."

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey was blessed with four children: Hattie M., the eldest, is now the wife of J. W. Gerber, a resident of Washington, D. C., and they have a daughter, Helen C., at home. Charles H., a graduate of the Anamosa high school, of the Beloit (Wis.) College and of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, is now president and manager of the Knoxville Electric Railway & Light Company of Knoxville, Tennessee. He married Ida Locke and they have two daughters, Edith C. and Helen W., both at home, but their mother died about 1902. Jane M., the third of the family, is a graduate of the University at Ann Arbor and for eleven years has been connected with the pension office in Des Moines, Iowa. James E., the youngest of the family, died in infancy.

Mr. Harvey is well known in fraternal circles. He belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and has been identified with the fraternity since June, 1860. He has filled every office in the local lodge and in 1872 became a member of the grand lodge. He is a charter member of McDaniels Encampment, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled every position and is also a member of the grand encampment of the state. His name is on the roll of charter members of the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 48, at Anamosa and also of the Legion of Honor, and in both of these organizations he has held all of the offices and from the latter has been a delegate to its grand lodge. His wife is a charter member of the Rebekah lodge, of the Eastern Star and of the Woman's Relief Corps and belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In his political views Mr. Harvey has been a stalwart republican since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He has taken quite an active part in local politics, serving as a member of the city council three terms; as a member of the school board six years; as mayor of Anamosa in 1888 and 1889, and was township trustee for over thirty-five years. As a citizen he stands for all that is progressive in community affairs and for all that promises improvement and advancement. There is no better indication of his genial manner, his spirit of justice and his consideration for others than is to be found from the fact that for over forty years he was associated with Colonel Shaw, during which time they never had to resort to written agreement nor was there ever any trouble or misunderstanding between them. Mr. Harvey and his wife now occupy a comfortable home and the columns of the front porch were made by him fifty years ago for use on another building and were later transferred to his present place of residence. Here he and his wife, with whom he has traveled life's journey for more than a half century, are living happily and comfortably, the success which he has achieved being well merited for it has come as the direct reward of his intelligently directed labor and business probity.

DAVID SIM.

David Sim deceased, who for many years of his active life was one of the successful farmers of Wyoming township, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1848. His parents, John and Rachel (Robinson) Sim, were natives of Scotland and came to the United States in 1845. They located in Pittsburg, where they remained for about seven years, and then came to Jones county, Iowa, where they procured land from the government. On this, which was the home of their son William during his active life, they passed the last years allotted to them. In their family were two sons, both now deceased, for James, the older, died at the age of sixteen.

David Sim received a good common-school education in Wyoming township, supplementing his early training with practical experience upon the farm, for he early began to assist his father in the work there was to do. As he grew older more and more of the responsibility of the place devolved upon him and when his parents died the land passed into his possession. He was successful in the vocation to which he had devoted his energies, winning large returns from the soil he tilled and in 1901 felt he was justified in retiring to Onslow, where his death occurred March 13, 1903. At that time he owned two hundred acres *near* the village in Wyoming township, besides fifteen acres of timber land and fourteen acres and thirteen lots in the village, where he had the fine house now occupied by his widow. All of this property Mrs. Sim has retained in her possession, proving herself a business woman of no small ability in her management of it.

Mr. Sim was ever a stanch supporter of the republican party, never failing to cast his vote for its candidates on the occasion of an election, and always taking a deep interest in political matters. He was for years active in local affairs, for

he filled a number of the township offices, all with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of those who had placed their trust in his ability. In religious matters he affiliated with the Presbyterian church, in which for more than a quarter of a century he was an elder. Mrs. Sim is also an adherent of that faith and is very active in all church work, in which her skill and ability is of the utmost service. Mr. Sim had through many years of unremitting toil attained to a successful position among the agriculturists of this county; he had ordered his life by high standards and had come into the possession of a substantial income. His wife, who had aided him greatly during his lifetime, by her thrift and care for his welfare, possesses that business acumen that has enabled her to conserve that which was bequeathed to her so that in the course of time it will increase and not diminish in value.

GEORGE SLOUHA.

Over half a century has come and gone since the arrival of George Slouha in Iowa and through the passing years he has witnessed the development of one of the finest agricultural districts of the country, which sixty years ago was a vast wilderness inhabited by the Indians who hunted the deer, elk and buffalo that roamed wild through the forests and over the plains. Born in Bohemia, September 8, 1845, nine years later he accompanied his parents, Paul and Anna Slouha, also natives of that country, on their emigration to America. They first took up their abode in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, but shortly afterward removed to Jones county, where the father purchased fifteen acres of land which he cultivated and improved, adding to the tract each year, as his income increased by reason of the abundant harvests, until when he sold the farm to his son George, it contained ninety acres. Unto Paul and Anna Slouha were born six children; George, the subject of this sketch; Joseph, John and Frank, now deceased; Anna, who became the wife of Bert Nowcheck and resides in Oxford township; and Mary, who wedded John Wlach, of Oxford Junction. The father of this family lived to be eighty-three years of age but the mother died when she was in her fifty-second year.

Early thrown upon his own responsibilities in the new world George Slouha sought and secured employment as a farm hand, working by the month, and in return for his labors received his board and clothing. Energetic and enthusiastic, however, he had worked only a year and a half in this way when he was able to command a more substantial equivalent for his labor and eventually purchased a part of the farm whereon he now resides, which has now been in possession of the family for about fifty years and has been owned by three successive generations.

On December 28, 1868, was celebraed the marriage of George Slouha and Miss Josephine Wlach, who was born in Bohemia, December 20, 1848, and is a daughter of Joseph and Josephine Wlach, who came to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1854, where Mrs. Slouha resided until her marriage. Joseph Wlach died in Johnson county in October, 1868, while the mother resided with Mrs. Slouha until she had reached her eighty-fourth year, her death having occurred August

8, 1899. There were eight children in her family, of whom four are now living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Slouha were born six children, namely: Frank, who makes his home in Oxford township, this county; Anna, who became the wife of Frank Fritz, of Wyoming township; Mary, who died at the age of three years and three months; Emanuel, who died in infancy; Christina, who wedded Mike Wacek, of Oxford township; and Charles, who is operating the home farm.

Charles Slouha, the youngest son, was born November 18, 1882, and has here continued to make his residence, having bought the old home place which contains one hundred, seventy-seven and a half acres. Since his father retired from active participation in the work of the fields, he has taken upon his shoulders the entire responsibility of caring for his parents and operating the farm. He not only engages in general agricultural pursuits but makes a specialty of stock raising. The life record of the father, George Slouha, serving as his inspiration and an example well worthy of emulation, the son is now attaining that success which is ever the reward of earnest, persistent toil. On the 4th of October, 1904, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna Burda, who was born in Oxford township, August 16, 1884, and is the daughter of John and Anna Burda, also of Oxford township, Jones county, and unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slouha have been born two children, Gracy and George Ernest.

HOWARD B. BRUTSMAN.

Howard B. Brutsman, whose well tilled fields and substantial buildings are indicative of his success in his chosen vocation, that of an agriculturist and dairyman, and of the prosperity which distinguishes Madison township, was born in Lee county, Illinois, June 14, 1868. His parents were Frank and Elizabeth (Short) Brutsman, who came to Iowa from Illinois in 1870. They located first in Madison township, Jones county, and then removed to Jasper, where Mr. Brutsman lived for about fifteen years. Since the end of that period he has made his home with different members of his family.

Howard B. Brutsman was reared at home, under the careful guidance of his parents, until nine years of age, when he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Craven. He attended the common schools of his township, deriving from them a substantial training in the rudimentary branches of English education. In 1890 he married and began agricultural pursuits for himself, working first as a farm hand and then, after a year, renting a tract of land. After an experience of four years as a tenant, in 1895, he was able to purchase one hundred and twenty acres of the farm on which he now lives, adding to it seven years later forty acres adjoining, so that he is now possessed of a fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Since he has assumed the ownership of the place he has greatly improved it, bringing it up to a high standard of productiveness as regards the soil, and erecting buildings for the accommodation of his stock, that are in accordance with the most advanced ideas in that line of farm industry. To dairying he has devoted the greater amount of his attention, milking from fifteen to twenty cows

and finding that it is as profitable as the cultivation of cereals, to which a large part of his farm is given over.

In 1890, Mr. Brutsman was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Fox, of Monmouth, Jackson county, Iowa, and their union has been blessed with six children: Pearl, Bessie, Gladys, Hazel, Lila and Edna. Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of an American citizen, Mr. Brutsman has stanchly given his support to the democratic party, believing in the value of the principles enunciated in its platform. He is at present secretary of the school board, but he cannot be called an office seeker in any sense of the word, although he is always interested in public affairs, especially in the welfare of his fellow citizens. His voice is ever raised on the side of justice and progress, qualities which have distinguished his administration of his own affairs, which have placed him in the front rank of those who till the soil in Madison township. He belongs to the Wyoming Camp, No. 183, M. W. A., and is active in the interests of his fraternal brothers and in the work of the society.

JOHN A. McDONALD.

All the strong qualities of his sturdy Scotch forebears have had a part in making John A. McDonald one of the substantial men of Jones county and one of the farmers of unequivocal success in Madison township, where his farm of two hundred and fifty acres lies. A native of this township, he was born April 8, 1861, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Smith) McDonald, both natives of Perthshire, Scotland, who as young people came with their parents to the United States about 1855. John McDonald, a brother of Andrew McDonald, had preceded the families to this country by some five years. He had not come to Iowa directly, however although he located in Jones county before the arrival of his parents and here had bought large tracts of land from the government. On this, which is the farm now occupied by John A. McDonald, the family located. Subsequent to their marriage Andrew McDonald and his wife acquired a place to the west of their son's present farm, and there spent the active years of their life, until they retired to Center Junction, where their deaths occurred in 1906, the father's at the age of seventy years, the mother's at the age of seventy-six. Reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church they passed away attended by its consolations, for their lives had been spent in strict conformance to its doctrines. In the years he had lived here, Andrew McDonald had become one of the well known men of Jones county, having held the position of commissioner for a number of years and for six or seven years having been steward of the poor farm. His duties he ever fulfilled with honor and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

John A. McDonald had the advantage of sound home training under the guidance of his parents, and in the public schools acquired such instruction as he could obtain in the rudiments of an English education. When he attained his majority he began his life as a farmer upon his own responsibility. For one year he rented from his uncle the farm he now owns and then removed to his



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father's land which he operated as a renter for about twenty-four years. In 1907, the old McDonald homestead was deeded to him by his uncle John and he removed to it and has since made it his home. Here he has engaged very extensively in the cattle business, buying cattle in large numbers and putting into his fields to feed upon the abundant grass. His operations, which have been guided by a clear-headed business policy, have been attended with marked success and have won for him a conspicuous position among the cattle men of Jones county.

In 1882 Mr. McDonald married Miss Esther Reed, of Madison township and to them nine children have been born: Guy A., a mail carrier of Center Junction, Iowa; John W., who died in 1909; Clifford F., of Center Junction; and Elizabeth M., Ethel M., Lulu B., Maggie E., Andrew R., and Scott B., all at home. The family have been reared in the faith of their parents, and are faithful in their attendance on the services of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, Mr. McDonald is connected with the Center Junction Lodge, No. 711, I. O. O. F., and with the Center Junction Camp, No. 892, M. W. A., and is prominent in both organizations. On the occasions of elections he invariably casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, but he is not active politically nor is he an aspirant for office.

ROBERT JOHN CARSON.

Robert John Carson is a worthy representative of the Carson family, who from the earliest settlement of Jones county has been identified with its farming interests. Mr. Carson was born on a farm in Scotch Grove township, December 1, 1864, a son of Robert and Margaret (Todd) Carson, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was but a boy when he accompanied his mother to the new world, his father having died when he was but a child. His mother made her way to Illinois and there the son found employment in the coal mines. Eventually they came to Jones county and located in Scotch Grove township, where Robert Carson purchased two hundred acres of land at ten dollars per acre. This proved a successful venture and he seemed fitted for farm work. On account of his father's death, the family were left in limited financial circumstances and he was deprived of many advantages, not even having the privilege of attending school. His lack of education, however, seemed no bar to his success, for at the time of his death, which occurred August 23, 1906, he was the owner of four hundred and twenty-two acres of land, divided into three farms. He also raised cattle quite extensively and for many years was classed among the prosperous and substantial farmers of Jones county. He was a republican in his political views and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

Robert J. Carson was reared under the parental roof and at the usual age began his studies in the district schools. He remained at home, assisting in the care of the farm until his twenty-third year, when he established a home of his own by his marriage on the 8th of June, 1887, to Miss Mary J. McBride, of Richland township, this county, and a daughter of William McBride, now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Carson located on the farm which is now his home but which at that time was the property of his father. For twenty years he cultivated this land as a renter but upon the settlement of the father's estate he purchased the property of the other heirs and now owns eighty acres in Scotch Grove township. For the past seventeen years, in addition to carrying on general farming, he has operated a threshing machine. His first engine was run by horse power but when the steam thresher was placed upon the market he purchased one and has since done a large business in threshing in various sections of the county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carson have been born five children, William Frederick, Fannie, John Vernon, Mamie and Margaret, all still at home. Mr. Carson is a republican in his political views and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill various public offices, having served as constable, road supervisor and school director. He is a Modern Woodman, belonging to Camp No. 892, at Center Junction. His success is well deserved for it has come to him through strict adherence to honorable methods.

EMERSON SHOTWELL.

Emerson Shotwell, a substantial farmer of Greenfield township, was born in Lobo, Ontario, Canada, March 10, 1864, and is the son of Joseph Marsh and Martha (Ferguson) Shotwell. On his father's side he is descended from the Friends or Quakers who came to this country in the second half of the seventeenth century. A. M. Shotwell, a relative, with care and diligence traced the family genealogy back two hundred and fifty years and as the result of his study a large book of tables and historic data is in the possession of Mr. Shotwell. There are many interesting items concerning this compilation, first in regard to the men who began it and the means used to carry on the work. A. M. Shotwell, who undertook the task of looking up the old records and tracing the different members of the family, strange as it may seem, had no use of his eyes. He was assisted by a brother and sister. His brother did most of the writing, but he was also disabled and, because of paralysis of his arms, was compelled to hold the pen in his teeth. With the aid of a sister the work was completed and made useable. From it is learned that Abraham Shotwell was the first of the family in this country. He came from England in 1665 and located in Elizabeth, New Jersey, whence his descendants have spread over the United States and into Canada, their location in the latter section of this continent being due to the fact that as Quakers the family took no part in the Revolutionary war and in compensation for their neutrality were given a grant of land in Canada by the British government. Considering the other side of the struggle, William Shotwell, a great-grandfather of the subject, was fined by the colonies for failing to render military service and his property confiscated, including the stone house that was completed on the day Cornwallis surrendered, October 19, 1781. He thereupon moved to Welland, Canada West, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He

had a son John, one of the sixth generation since the founding of the family in the United States, who was born in 1785 and died in Lapeer county, Michigan. His home had formerly been, however, in Thorold, Canada West, which is now the district of Ontario. This book of genealogical facts has a historic value in that it corrects a mistake that from constant repetition is supposed to be authentic, namely the battle commonly known as that of Lundy's Lane, should be Lundy's Land, as it was fought on the property owned by Lundy, who was a distant relative of Mr. Shotwell.

Joseph Marsh Shotwell, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Canada and came to Iowa first in 1854. He remained here for some time and then returned to Canada, where he married Miss Martha Ferguson and then in 1866 came to Greenfield township, Jones county, to spend the rest of his days. His wife, like himself of Canadian birth, can also trace her family back many generations. Through her marriage she became the mother of two children: Emerson, of this review; and Louisa, who was born in June, 1870, and died at the age of two years.

Emerson Shotwell was a child of two when his parents came to live in Greenfield township and here he grew to manhood, learning the secrets of the cultivation of the soil from his father and through actual experience. He received a common-school education and when it became time for him to embark upon the sea of life upon his own responsibility he devoted himself to farming. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres on sections 21 and 22, Greenfield township, a well improved tract of land, cultivated by progressive methods.

In 1893 Mr. Shotwell wedded Miss Louisa Bishop, a daughter of Francis M. and Harriett (Armstrong) Bishop, who were old settlers in this county and were the parents of two other daughters: Mrs. Angeline Gordon, now living in Oklahoma; and Lydia, who has remained at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Shotwell have been born two children: Alma, born September 4, 1894; and Francis Joseph, born November 15, 1896.

Mr. Shotwell's political sympathies are largely with the democratic party, but he is independent and inspired with progressive ideas and frequently votes for the candidate or issue which he thinks best irrespective of party ties. He has been school director and secretary of the board of education for the past twenty-two years, and trustee of the township for four years. In both capacities he has ever exerted his influence in the development of all the enterprises which would advance the best interests of the community in which he lives. He has in this manner made himself a vital factor in local affairs.

WILLIAM LEWIS KETCHAM.

William Lewis Ketcham, whose demise occurred on the 23d of July, 1906, was for many years actively and successfully indentified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Jones county, gaining an enviable reputation as a dealer in shorthorn cattle and Clydesdale horses. His birth occurred in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 18th of February, 1851, his parents being John and

Martha (Wheaton) Ketcham. He was about sixteen years of age when he left his native state in company with his parents and took up his abode in Iowa and here he made his home throughout the remainder of his life, winning a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings as a farmer and stockman. His standard of conduct was high, his word absolute and unquestioned truth and his counsel and advice were much sought. A man of unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality, he was a worthy exemplar of the Golden Rule and a splendid type of the true Christian gentleman.

On the 1st of January, 1877, Mr. Ketcham was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Stone, a daughter of Curtis and Mary (Burton) Stone, who were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont respectively. The year 1853 witnessed their arrival at Bowen Prairie, Jones county, Iowa, and here they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham were the parents of five daughters, as follows: Mary Lulu, who died in 1884 when but an infant; Ruby Stone, who is a student in the American Medical Missionary College of Battle Creek, Michigan; Mattie Emily, who on the 1st of September, 1909, gave her hand in marriage to A. Ray Fairbanks, with whom she resides on the old farm home, they having recently purchased the place from the heirs; Clara Antoinette, a student in the fine arts department of Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa; and Wilhelmina H., who is a sophomore in a high school of Battle Creek, Michigan.

HUGH CORBITT.

Energy and perseverance are the qualities which have placed Hugh Corbitt among the successful and representative farmers of Clay township. A native of Ireland, he came to this country a poor boy but has now accumulated a substance which may compare favorably with those acquired by men whose handicap in the battle of life was not so great. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Betsey McMaster, came to America with her son Hugh, after the death of the father, but lived only six years after her arrival, for her death occurred in 1870, and she is buried at the cemetery in Weehawken, New Jersey. A sister of our subject, Nancy Corbitt, has also come to this country. The father, John Corbitt, lived and died in Ireland.

It was on May 4, 1847, that Hugh Corbitt was born. He received his education in the schools of his native land, and in 1864, when about seventeen years of age, came to the United States. He landed at New York city, where he secured employment as spinner in a carpet factory, remaining there for about nine years. At the expiration of that period he came to Jones county, Iowa, buying a tract of eighty acres of land in Clay township, on which he immediately began to pursue the calling of a farmer. In the course of years, as a well deserved success crowned his efforts, he was able to purchase two hundred and twenty acres more, so that he now has a fine farm of three hundred acres. In addition to the cultivation of cereals he has engaged in the stock business, raising a large quantity of hogs and cattle for the market. Industry.

energy and perseverance have ever been strong characteristics of his and they have been the means of the success which has marked his career. His farm is well improved in accordance with the most advanced ideas, his buildings are substantial, commodious and adequately adapted to the uses to which they are applied, while the careful cultivation of his fields tells its own story of his skill in his chosen vocation.

After he became well established in life, Mr. Corbitt married Miss Agnes B. Litch, who was born near Belfast in County Antrim, Ireland, August 6, 1860. She was a daughter of Samuel and Lavinia (Campbell) Litch, both natives of Ireland. The latter was born in 1830, and despite her years, came to America in 1903, taking up her residence with Mr. Corbitt and his family. Besides Mrs. Corbitt three of her daughters and one son have come to this country and established themselves in useful and profitable lives here. Mrs. Corbitt spent the early years of her life in the city of Belfast, receiving her education in its schools. In 1889 she embarked upon her journey to the new world, and, shortly after her arrival, on January 1, 1890, was united in marriage to Mr. Corbitt. Six children have been granted to the couple: John Cecil, born April 18, 1891; Elizabeth McMaster, born March 5, 1893; Lavinia C., born December 16, 1895; Anna N., born April 18, 1897; Agnes E., born August 22, 1902; and James M., whose birth occurred May 6, 1904.

In the years that he has exercised his right of franchise, Mr. Corbitt has given unqualified support to the candidate of the republican party, for he has felt convinced of the value of its principles, while he has, since coming to Jones county, fulfilled the duties of school director with care and efficiency. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and has been closely identified with its work. A diligent farmer and a good citizen, in the enjoyment of a large income, Mr. Corbitt holds the respect and good will of his fellows, though his popularity is not determined by his success but by the strong traits of honesty and integrity of purpose which have ever characterized his intercourse with others.

FRANK STHALEK.

Austria has furnished to the United States many men who left their native land inspired by laudable ambition to seek in this western country, with its more progressive methods, livelier competition and broad fields of industry, the opportunity to attain success and have here established their homes. Among this number is Frank Sthalek, who was born in Bohemia about seventy years ago and, starting out on the journey across the Atlantic unaccompanied, arrived in America and settled in Jones county, Iowa, sometime in the '60s after the Civil war. He started to work immediately on his arrival in this county, being employed as a farm hand by the month and in this way his time and energies, conscientiously given to others, enabled him to acquire a practical knowledge and broad experience in his chosen work. Eventually he rented a farm of eighty acres in Oxford township, whereon he made his home for six years, industriously tilling the land and raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. Real-

izing the importance of economical and careful expenditure, through his capable management, wise selection of grain and untiring efforts in the cultivation of the fields, he finally saved a sum sufficient to purchase this eighty acre farm and, as the years have passed, he has added to this tract another of like dimensions situated nearby, being now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Sthalek married Miss Mary Kucra, who was also born in Bohemia, in 1844, and came to America with her brothers. Unto this union have been born three children, as follows: Joseph, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-two years; Annie, who became the wife of John Bawlists, of Clinton county, Iowa; and Frank, who is at home with his parents and operates the farm. Mr. Sthalek has engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life and, while at present he oversees and is yet interested in the management of the farm, most of the manual labor is entrusted to his son, Frank, who is ambitious to follow in the footsteps of the father, who is classed among the worthy representative citizens of his community.

MOORE AND ELWOOD KIRKPATRICK.

Moore Kirkpatrick, Sr., the father of the gentlemen whose names head this sketch, was one of the best examples of the sturdy sons Ireland is sending this country. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, December 8, 1826, a son of Thompson and Elizabeth (Story) Kirkpatrick, who brought him to America, locating in Philadelphia when about eleven years of age. Both parents died in Pennsylvania. Thompson Kirkpatrick was a school and music teacher and was kindly remembered for many years by his pupils who loved the kindly old Irish gentleman. The children born to Thompson Kirkpatrick and wife were seven in number, namely: Moore, John, William J., Ellen, Anne, Elizabeth and Martha.

The education of Moore Kirkpatrick, Sr., was secured in Philadelphia and there he also learned the trade of a painter and grainer and followed it after locating in Iowa. His advent in this state occurred in 1866, when he reached Cedar county, but his permanent settlement here was made when he located in Hale township, Jones county, in the spring of 1867. This locality continued to be his home until his demise, which occurred July 9, 1876. Upon coming here Mr. Kirkpatrick settled upon one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he improved, and he kept adding to his holdings until he owned about five hundred acres. He was a public-spirited man and held a number of the township offices, espousing at all times the principles of the republican party.

On the 19th of May, 1848, Moore Kirkpatrick, Sr., married Annie M. Scott who was born in Ireland, July 4, 1825, and was brought to Philadelphia by her parents when she was about fifteen years old. Mrs. Kirkpatrick passed away, deeply lamented, August 24, 1888. She bore her husband six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, who died unmarried, in January, 1888, aged thirty-six years, for he was born July 13, 1852; Moore was born January 21, 1854 and resides on a part of the homestead; Dr. John W., a physician, who was born October 9, 1862, and died May 9, 1903, at Wyoming, Jones



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county, leaving a wife and four children; and Elwood, who was born October 30, 1865, and now resides on a part of the homestead. These children were born in Philadelphia.

Moore and Elwood Kirkpatrick came with their parents to Hale township, Jones county, Iowa, in 1867 and after the death of their father they had charge of the estate under the firm name of Kirkpatrick brothers until 1892, when they divided the five hundred and sixty-six acres of land that they had held in common and made some changes. Moore Kirkpatrick now owns two hundred and twenty-three acres, including the old home on section 35, Hale township, while Elwood owns four hundred and twenty-three acres, two hundred and twenty acres of which are in Cedar county, and the remainder in Jones county, his farm being on the county line. His residence, however, is on section 36, Hale township. Elwood feeds about two hundred head of stock annually. He is a strong republican and at present is one of the township board of trustees. In 1890 he married Lucy Vaughn, who was born August 23, 1868, near Wyoming, Jones county, a daughter of P. L. and Lydia (Baldwin) Vaughn, the former of whom is deceased, but the latter survives and lives in Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Kirkpatrick have three children, namely: William Howard, Harry Elwood and Marian Lucy. Religiously he is a member of the Clarence Presbyterian church. Moore Kirkpatrick is unmarried.

These young men are progressive farmers who have done much to raise the standard of agricultural life in their community. Their fertile acres yield them comfortable incomes and they are public-spirited enough to desire to assist in anything that looks toward the advancement of neighborhood interests.

JAMES MYRON YOUNG, M. D.

Since 1903 Dr. James Myron Young has been one of the remarkably successful physicians of Center Junction. A native of this town, he was born August 29, 1875, his parents being James and Amanda (Printz) Young. The father is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the Young family having been founded in America about the middle of the eighteenth century by William and Mary (White) Young, natives of Scotland. This couple came to this country from the north of Ireland, where they were wealthy landowners and his ancestors were said to have been baronets. In their religious faith they were Presbyterians and as they were living in the midst of a Catholic community they came to the new world in order to escape the persecutions to which members of their faith were subjected. Mr. and Mrs. David Young, the grandparents of our subject, were married in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and in 1843, after selling their farm, started upon their journey to Iowa. They traveled down the Ohio river to Cairo, Illinois, thence up the Mississippi to Bellevue, Jackson county, Iowa, where they disembarked. On Brush creek Mr. Young found a site suitable for the erection of a mill and there built a log house with puncheon floors and clapboard roof held in place by weight poles, no nails being used in the construction of the cabin. The mill which he also built had but one iron wheel,

the others being made of wood, the wooden cogs for which were boiled in lard for three or four days. Upon the site chosen when he came to Iowa, he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, the former continuing in the operation of the mill until his death.

As James Young, the father of our subject, was but two years of age when he came to Iowa, almost his entire life has been passed within its boundaries. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, assisting in the work of the mill until 1867, when he married and engaged in agricultural pursuits, to which he has since devoted his life, having become with the passage of years one of the successful farmers of Scotch Grove township. Seven children were born to him and his wife, namely: Eliza M., the wife of Rev. A. B. Fickle, of Shellsburg, Benton county, Iowa; E. Ray, of Madison township, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work; James M., the subject of this sketch; David L., an attorney of Boise City, Idaho; John Arthur, a Methodist Episcopal minister of Ridgeway, Iowa; William Harvey, who is attending Grinnell College; and T. Ross, who is yet at home. A consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father has served on its official board for several years and at the same time has been most active in Sunday-school work. Politically he gives his support to the prohibition party and for two years served his community as justice of the peace. Characterized as his career has been by high ideals and noble principles, his life has been a constant example and inspiration to those who have borne his name.

James Myron Young was reared under the parental roof, on the farm, and he continued the education derived from the common schools through attendance at the Center Junction high school. After the completion of its prescribed course he spent the year of 1894-5 at Epworth Seminary in Dubuque county, Iowa. The next two years, those of 1895-6, and 1896-7, he spent in teaching, later reentering Epworth Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899, having taken the Latin and scientific courses. In that year he decided to take up the profession of medicine, in which he had always been interested and had read to some extent. He entered the State University at Iowa City, from which he received his medical degree at the close of the school year of 1903. His graduation having taken place on June 19, the following day he arrived in Center Junction with the intention of going to his home to spend a week's vacation. However, a professional call awaited him in the town and his vacation was postponed. From that time to the present Dr. Young has enjoyed a career as a medical practitioner that has been singularly successful from the start. Always having a pronounced liking for the work, he prosecuted his studies with the enthusiasm of a man who knew what was his life's work.

On the 19th of August, 1903, Dr. Young wedded Miss Alice Dawson, a daughter of Thomas Dawson, of Center Junction. Three children have been born to the couple: Roy D.; Esther M., deceased; and Ralph E. Fraternally Dr. Young is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Mystic Workers of the World, while he keeps in touch with the best interests of his fellow physicians through his membership in the Jones County and State Medical Societies and in the Iowa Union Medical Association. A skilled diagnostician and painstaking in his conduct of cases, Dr. Young has won a large

competence from the citizens of Center Junction. A more concrete idea of his success, however, may be gained from the fact that he owns a farm in Scotch Grove township, one in Idaho and considerable property in Center Junction. While this indicates his worldly prosperity it fails to do justice to the respect of those to whom he has ministered—this he considers the greatest reward of his labor.

FRANCIS MARION GLENN.

Francis Marion Glenn, one of the progressive farmers of Jackson township, is a native of Jones county, having been born in the township where he now resides, October 26, 1858, a son of Joseph M. and Mary J. (Ireland) Glenn. The father was born in Madison county, Kentucky, March 19, 1834, his parents being Wright and Margaret (Bogg) Glenn, also natives of Kentucky, where they were reared and married. After their marriage Wright Glenn and wife went to Indiana and spent two and one-half years, when they decided to push on westward to Jones county, Iowa, and arrived here October 15, 1837, having made the journey with an ox team, as was the custom of the sturdy emigrants in those days. They located three miles west of Olin, where Mr. Glenn took up a claim. His death followed, however, in a year, and the family sold the claim and moved two miles southwest of their first home in Jackson township. Here Joseph M. Glenn remained on the forty-acre farm they secured until his marriage and for three years thereafter, when he removed to the farm which was his home for nearly forty-six years. He eventually became the owner of six hundred and forty acres, divided into three farms. Forty acres of this is yet timber land, but a large part of it was in bottom land, and is now very fertile and exceedingly valuable. In March, 1898, Mr. Glenn removed to Olin, which has since been his home, and he not only owns three houses there but forty acres adjoining the town. Later in life, the mother of Joseph M. Glenn returned to Kentucky, where she died in the city of Richmond. She had three children of whom Joseph M. was the eldest, the others being: Elizabeth Gates, now a resident of Smith county, Kansas; and Martin, who enlisted from Missouri as a soldier of the Civil war and died in the service of measles, which disease was very prevalent among the soldiers.

Joseph M. Glenn was married in the fall of 1855 to Mary Jane Ireland, who was born in Indiana in March, 1837, a daughter of James Ireland. She came to Jones county, Iowa, with her parents in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn became the parents of seven children: James W., who lives in Jackson township; Francis Marion, of this review; Margaret M. Houstman, who is now deceased; Rebecca Ann, who married John Glick, of Olin; Clara Viola, the wife of Tice Platner, of Jackson township; Jesse and Mary Jane, who are at home. There is also a grandson, Ralph Irwin Glenn, who has lived with his grandfather since he was six months old. He is now a clerk in the First National Bank of Olin and has been for the past four years. Mr. Glenn is a member of the United Brethren church, and is active in its good work.

Francis Marion Glenn, son of Joseph M. Glenn, remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account upon rented land. He then went to Olin, where he bought a dray business, but, losing his wife, he returned home for four years and then married again. Mr. Glenn then began farming upon eighty acres he purchased on sections 22 and 23, Jackson township, upon which he has made many improvements, and now has in process of construction a fine, modern farm house. He is an excellent farmer and is doing well, making his farm pay him a good interest upon his investment. He is a republican in political faith and has served as township clerk. The United Brethren church of Olin claims his membership, and he enjoys his association with it.

The first marriage of Mr. Glenn was celebrated October 26, 1886, Miss Eloise O'Brian, of Linn county, Iowa, becoming his wife. She was a daughter of John and Phoebe O'Brian, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Springville. One son was born of this union, Ralph, now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Olin. Mrs. Glenn died June 29, 1888. On September 22, 1892, Mr. Glenn married Susie Strickell, who was born in Cass township, May 14, 1868, daughter of William and Sarah (Munn) Strickell, natives of England, where he was born July 16, 1834, and she was born January 19, 1832. Mrs. Strickell came to New Orleans when twenty-one, arriving in November, 1853, and her husband landed in New York city when a young man. They were married at Freeport, Illinois, and came to Jones county, Iowa, in a prairie schooner, in December, 1864. The death of Mr. Strickell occurred in 1886, but his widow survived him until November 5, 1906. By occupation he was a farmer. There were four daughters and three sons in their family. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are the parents of five children, namely: Clinton, Alta, Hubert, Francis and Winnie.

GEORGE B. HALL.

For a number of years George B. Hall was one of the leading farmers of Clay township, but he has now given up agricultural pursuits and has retired to the village of Onslow, though he continues to practice, to some extent, his profession as a veterinary surgeon. He was born in New York state, August 10, 1849, and is a son of James L. and Amelia (Cronkheit) Hall, both natives of that state. In 1852 they came to Iowa, taking up a government claim in this county, which remained their home for the rest of their lives. During the progress of the Civil war Mr. Hall enlisted in Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He survived the hardships of the battlefield and was accorded many years of active life after he returned to his farm, but his wife passed away while he was in the army. Four children were born to them: George B.; Charles A., who lives in Onslow; Eva, who is the wife of E. N. Walker, of Jackson county, Iowa; and Lyman C., also a resident of Jackson county.

George B. Hall received a fair education in the public schools of Clay township, and obtained a practical preparation for the problems of life at home through the cultivation of the farm, for being the oldest of the family, when his father left to enter the army he and his younger brothers did the work and assumed the responsibilities of operating the place. Their difficulties were increased with the death of their mother, after which Mr. Hall, who was fourteen years of age at the time, went to live with an uncle. After one year spent in his home, he went to work upon a farm and then two years later bought a team, which he took to the lumber region and used in the hauling of logs. He was only nineteen when he married and engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. First he rented the old homestead and, then in 1882 bought eighty acres in Clay township, on which he lived for three or four years. That property he traded for eighty acres adjoining his father's place, which two years later he was able to buy. It consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, and remained Mr. Hall's home until 1889, when he sold it to purchase two hundred and seventy-two acres, which was the scene of his labors for about eighteen years. At the end of that period he felt justified in relinquishing the heavier of his cares and retiring to live in comparative ease in the village. He has, however, not wholly given up his practice as a veterinary surgeon, in which he had been very successful while he followed it in connection with his agricultural interests.

In the fall of 1868 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Jennie J. Hodge, who was one of the seven children born to her parents, Simon and Jane (Dunham) Hodge, both deceased. They were natives of Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of Mrs. Hall, who was born in Mercer county in 1847. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born four children: George E., of Onslow; Frank E., who lives in Nebraska; Albert E., of Onslow; and Elta A., who is the wife of William L. Brown, of this county. Albert E. Hall was born December 1, 1875, and after having received a common-school education and worked upon his father's farms for several years, in 1907 came to Onslow where he engaged in the livery business. On the 16th of September, 1908, he wedded Miss Jessie Johnston, who was born in this county in 1888 and is a daughter of Frank and Mary (Hanna) Johnston. Her mother was born in Jones county, while her father was a native of Jackson county. He followed farming for a number of years but has now retired to Onslow where he and his wife are living. Mrs. Albert Hall is one of a family of four children and has become the mother of one son, Herbert Dillon, who was born June 14, 1909. Albert Hall is a republican in his political views but has never sought public office. He is a member of Onslow Lodge, No. 2120, M. W. A., and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

George B. Hall has always given his support to the republican party, finding himself most nearly in sympathy with the principles enunciated in its platform, while he has been interested in public matters generally, he has never sought official preferment, although he has served as a member of the school board for a period of ten years. With his wife he belongs to the Presbyterian church in accordance with those teachings he tries to order his life. A man who with courage and fortitude endured the hardships of his early years and

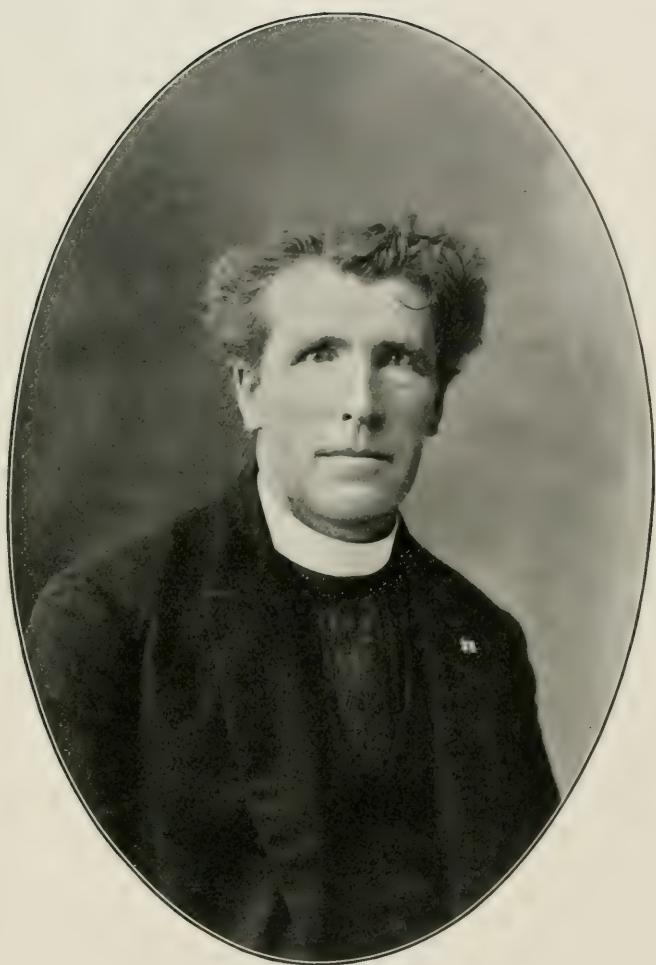
through industry and frugality has acquired a handsome competence, he is well entitled to the rest he enjoys and to the respect which those who know him generously give him.

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As the procession of years which make up this—the most wonderful age in human history—advances in its solemn march, each observer naturally takes a special interest in the question, "What constitutes or wherein consists the superiority of our age above all others?" The answers are as diversified as the minds that look at the subject. The statesman sees it in political forces, the merchant in finances, the mechanic in inventions, the litterateur in education, the husbandman points to the ground, and the laborer holds out his strong arm. But the Christian—and that signifies a fair proportion in every class—will forever give most of the credit to religion as a factor in the progress of the world. Religion, which values time chiefly in its bearing on Eternity, which refers all civilization to the immortal character of the individual, which works in the domain of mind, not matter, which guides the heart before the hand of man; religion, whose chart and compass and guiding star is the Golden Rule, "Do unto others whatsoever you would have others do unto you;" religion is not only the counterpart, it is the source and center and motive power of all progressive civilization. Without religion society should inevitably sink back in its physical, productive and progressive capabilities to the condition of the aborigines, where the hand of might was ever uplifted against the weak in open warfare, and one generation took a pride in tearing down as much as the preceding generation had built up.

Religion, or the relation of the creature to the Creator, is not a new thing. It is as old as Adam in some form or other. A great Englishman says, "Man is naturally a religious animal." Again our race has been called "incorrigibly religious."

There is too in western civilization an organized religion—the religion of Jesus Christ. It also is believed to have in it the seeds of immortality. In what consists its vitality that it should not die forever? Is it that it is a "feeling," a little personal keepsake, to be used privately within the darkness of one's domicile and aired on the Sabbath in "pious platitudes" and "glittering generalities?" Or is it rather a power to rouse and raise up and drive men out to do something—to dare and do and die—good on the Sabbath and just as good and necessary every other day of the week? What other religion is worth while? What else is the conception of the religion of the Baptist, who hurled defiance at a king on his throne, though he well knew that his head should pay the forfeit? What else the religion of Jesus who "taught as one having authority and not as the scribes," though he foresaw that his words should be sealed by the blood of the gibbet? Religion in this sense means much. It is not sustained by sweet "uplifting" talks which never reach the springs of action. It implies an authoritative power which brooks no other alternative than "thou shalt," and "thou shalt not."



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Now if these things be true; if religion was implanted originally in the heart of mankind, if its meaning was taught and exemplified by Jesus in the flesh and his Baptist herald, if it is immortalized for the safe-guarding and success and salvation of society, the inference is no less certain that there is no conceivable possibility of preserving, propagating and perpetuating religion except by the authorized teaching of the Christian church. America, like other nations, is inherently religious and American intelligence approves of Christianity, but our present people refuse to attach much importance to the church and—strange to find—the more learning Professor Ethics and Dr. Supernatural pretend to possess, the less seriously they are taken. Consistency, if not gratitude for freedom, should compel us to be Christians. We are a nation of equals who are brothers—brothers of Jesus Christ—one as nearly related as the other. The Redeemer is both our preceptor and pattern. He “hath put down the mighty and exalted the lowly.” He declared of himself that he “came to minister, not to be ministered to.” In America all are servants—the president is a servant, merchants are servants to their customers, doctors to their patients and the clergy to their parishioners. Americans, too, are all workers. Among them work is honorable—the useful is always noble. God grant that it may remain so. When we get to despise work we are going a long way back to the eighteenth century—back to pre-Christian paganism.

History, profane, sacred and ecclesiastical, is said to be the recorded lives of a few individuals—kings, heroes, authors, inventors, saints—their names in life are on every tongue and after death they go ringing down the corridors of time. But in a democracy where all are servants are not all kings, too? In a sense every man is a hero—the hero of his own destiny. There is no man born into this world without a destiny—he is sent here for a special end and purpose. If he is true to his colors, faithful to his Creator, strong in the pursuit of his life purpose, he is verily a hero. His name may not shine of “Fame’s eternal bedroll worthy to be filed,” still though hidden here in the ranks of the unknown he has his angelic Plutarch who will make full record of his deeds in the “Book of Life,” and beyond the stars his name and fame will reverberate down through the ages of eternity. The statesman and the soldier may hold up their hands and swear allegiance to the flag, that is to say they are willing to shed their heart’s blood for it—a noble thought—it swells every heart that walks to war, but there is a loyalty higher than obedience to purpled royalty or popular congress, it is fidelity to the flag of the Cross—a holocaust of service to follow in the footsteps of a crucified King and, like Peter, the Hermit, induce others to enter the ranks—“God wills it”—“Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war.”

The call of the modern crusader of Christ to come, take possession of the “kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world,” seems to fall on deaf ears. People have reversed the order of seeking (secondly) “the kingdom of God and his righteousness,” and have transferred their dependence from religious to secular societies. Indeed it takes a great deal of courage to be a preacher nowadays, when what was once regarded as “beatitudes” are looked upon as simple platitudes, when the hearers are so saturated with worldliness that not only the manner of delivering the message is criticised, but the matter of the message is questioned and doubts raised as to whether it came from God, and

when, moreover, the only weapon the speaker can appeal to—the power of an unanimous church—lies broken into two hundred and fifty fragments in his hands. Well, how much is the church herself to blame for this powerlessness? Has not the human mixed with the divine—weeds with roses? It is a poor sort of piety to kneel down and pray the prayer of the Prince of Peace—"Love one another as I have loved you," and then to stand up and preach the practice described in Butler's *Hudibras*, of "hating each other for the love of God." The old axiom will forever hold true, "United we stand, divided we fall." The only Archimedean lever to lift the world is the unadulterated Word, spoken first by the Man of Galilee and repeated by the undying voice of an united church. The church is the agent commissioned by the Savior to "teach all nations," and the preacher speaks not in his own name but in the name of a divinely established church.

A great American once asserted that he acknowledged no leading light except the lamp of experience. He meant, no doubt, the experience of his own country; he thought nothing of the rest of the world. After its independence America is even more unwilling to learn in any other school than that of actual experience. But later or sooner the day will dawn—good for church and state—when the American people will be convinced by experience that "man does not live on bread alone," neither do churches live on mutual contradictions alone. Oh, for the time when all God's children will be one, as God is one, in the faith of St. Augustine—"non essentials, liberty—essentials, unity—all things, charity." The prayer of Moses comes to mind, "Oh, that they were wise and would understand." It was his last word for his chosen people.

Many elements make for success in the ministry of the church. First, genius is not a necessity. Alexander Hamilton was a genius. He created the United States treasury. He could not keep his own accounts. Napoleon was a matchless genius. He could conquer nations. He could not drill a single regiment in the manual of arms. A minister needs talent, though not extraordinary brain brilliancy. The secret of success is difficult to detect and is not the same in all. There is a talent of the heart, often more potent than power of mind. But an indispensable requisite is what is called the "personal equation," that is, broadly speaking, a certain something in the man. Is it magnetism, is it born, or is it acquired—a faculty of managing other men—a gift of effectiveness possessed by not one person in five hundred?

A churchman's standing in his community is not altogether owing to personal merit. It is official. He is a representative of a great service—the ministry of the church—the greatest service that ever was or will be instituted on this earth. Any recognition accorded him is a tribute to the ministry of the church. It is furthermore, perhaps, an implied estimate not of what he is, but of what he ought to be—a man of God.

Jones county has a minister endowed with some of the attributes, positive and negative, that contribute to the good of Christianity and the growth of the church. He has helped, more than a little, to raise the standard of the Cross, break down the walls of prejudice, bring all men to see one another over denominational picket-fences, and make the church pastor respected in the ranks of the community. This is the Rev. Robert Powers, rector of St. Patrick's church, Ana-

mosa. He is the oldest minister in the county, both in point of years and service. He has done parochial duty in two churches for twenty-eight years. He has baptized and shrived and married and buried almost a generation of people. He has walked daily before the populace, rejoiced in their rejoicings, borne a part of their weight of woe, and tried to help others to bear their burden. In season and out of season, in every work—mental, manual, social and spiritual, he has taken a man's part.

Of his childhood little is known. His experiences were probably the same as were common to other children brought up in the same country, marked possibly by the prophecies of partial friends as to his future. Neither was his mature life distinguished by any glamour of circumstance. Born on the 18th of August, 1851, in Kilkenny county, Ireland, he saw the sun set behind the hill of Slieve-na-mon every evening for more than a score of his youthful years. Attending the common schools of the locality, gifted with a good memory and mental vigor, he utilized the advantages received in preparation for the work which he believed he might some day be able to accomplish. A "divine vocation" as it is termed, is one of the secrets hidden in the heart of the Eternal. "There is a divinity that shapes our ends." To what extent that divinity is controllable by our own selves, there are numerous reminders in the lives of men. Possibly nature and grace and Providential and parental care combine to carry out the decree of Omnipotence. "The Spirit breatheth where he will." Nature alone can do nothing more than employ its native ability, in obedience to reason, and reason itself in obedience to the mandates of Mount Sinai—unto the end which will have solved the great mystery.

In his seventeenth year, with an ordinary share of school learning, with general impressions of the world of the present and of the future, the subject of this sketch entered a classical school conducted by the Carmelites. From the beginning he showed little taste for muscular amusements but devoted himself to books with a singular determination and ambition.

In 1871 he went to a college (seminary) in charge of the Trappist monks, at Mount Melleray, the parent house of the monastery of that name in Dubuque county. The lives of the recluses residing in that retreat, admirable if not enviable as they are, make an impression which can never be effaced from the memory of any one who witnesses their modus vivendi, even from a distance. There, more than in any other spot at this side of heaven, will a youthful secular see illustrated the object lesson, "what profiteth it a man to gain the whole world?"

After spending two years at that abode of solitude, sanctity and scholarship in the study of the "humanities" and mental philosophy, our graduate took his place in the theological seminary at Carlow for a four years' course in physics and divinity.

May 26, 1877, he was promoted to Holy Orders for the diocese of Dubuque, Iowa. The usual period of vacation, given in order to rest, recruit, and enjoy the associations of relatives and friends before the final farewell, was cut short in this case by a despatch to appear at the opening of the scholastic year in September to serve as teacher in St. Joseph's College, Dubuque.

In August, 1877, looking his last on the scenes of home and childhood and friends and country, he crossed the Atlantic, with the greater part of the continent, and on the morning after arrival on the west banks of the Mississippi he began his life work of teacher and preacher and pastor, which has continued without interruption up to the present and is likely to continue, without change of operations or scenery, until the Fates call on him to "shake off the mortal coil."

After six years spent alternating between parochial work at the cathedral and teaching at the college, sometimes combining both, half the day at one place and half at the other, he came to reside in Jones county in October, 1882. Here his face has been to the grindstone of pastoral duty, with only a single month's intermission, for nearly three decades. No hope of revisiting old scenes except in dreams, no hope of earthly reward except a sufficiency of food and clothing, that is all the world can give anyway and that is all it is asked to give. It is surely a relief to be one's own executor in every sense of the word, financially, socially and spiritually. Like Longfellow's Village Blacksmith, "he can look the whole world in the face." Like him who had not "whereon to lay his head" it is abundant compensation to be able to sit down and rest on the accumulations of a third of a century of toil, to challenge the multitude, "which of you will accuse me of eating the bread of idleness?" As Abraham Lincoln well said. "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in." The Nestor of the clergy in Jones county is satisfied. He has no further ambition or desire than to be able, whilst yet he "encumbereth the ground," to administer to the people that a merciful God has committed to his charge, to be laid out in final farewell before the white altar of St. Patrick's church and to rest in the shadow of its steeple until the Archangel's trumpet will call him to come—at the head of his parishioners—into the Valley of Judgment.

ROBERT PAUL CLARK.

The agricultural interests of Scotch Grove township find a worthy representative in Robert Paul Clark, who is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 21, to the cultivation and improvement of which he is directing his entire energies. He was born in this township on the 9th of July, 1880, and is a son of Robert and Alicia Clark, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this volume. Spending the period of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, he acquired a good common school education and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, and then located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which had been given to him by his father. Thus he started out in the business world on his own account and has since been identified with agricultural pursuits, in which line of activity he has been most successful. He practices rotation of crops, makes a thorough study

of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is progressive and up-to-date in his methods, so that he has gained for himself a place among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of the community. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Canada, and this forms an additional source of revenue to him.

It was on the 18th of March, 1908, that Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Nelson, a native of Scotch Grove township, born on the 23d of May, 1878. She is a daughter of M. J. and Nancy E. (Overley) Nelson, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. Both are now deceased. In their family were three children, of whom Emeline F., the eldest, has now passed away. The others are Mrs. Clark and a brother, Charles. The former was but three years old when her mother died in 1881, while her father passed away on the 22d of March, 1900. She attended the common schools until thirteen years of age, and then laid aside her text-books in order to take charge of the household. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are well known in Scotch Grove township, where their entire lives have been passed, and they have a circle of friends which is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances. In politics he gives his allegiance to the republican party, and his influence is ever found on the side of improvement, advancement and progress in all matters of citizenship.

FRED FREY.

Fred Frey, one of the successful farmers of Greenfield township, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 13, 1849, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Stab) Frey, both of German nativity. In 1882 Mr. Frey's parents emigrated to the United States, and after landing in New York went to the vicinity of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they passed the remainder of their days and died. In that vicinity Mr. Frey's two brothers, and his four sisters still reside, being farming people.

Fred Frey was seventeen years of age when he came to this country and went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he followed the trade of a cabinet-maker, which he had learned in the land of his birth. In 1872 he came to Jones county, Iowa, and in Greenfield township began his life as a farmer. In 1878 he purchased eighty-five acres and as success rewarded his efforts he added forty-two acres more and then in a few years bought eighty acres in Rome township. This two hundred and seven acres of some of the best land in the county represents his own endeavors aided by the thrift and economy of his wife. The land in Greenfield township is situated on sections 25 and 36, while that in Rome township lies on section 31. He follows general farming and maintains a high grade of work. He has built a very modern residence and erected outbuildings and made other improvements that show him to be a man who is not unaware of the best means of preserving the value of his possessions.

On the 5th of December, 1878, Mr. Frey married Miss Minnie Siever, a daughter of Louis and Frederika (Rekemeyer) Siever, both natives of Hanover, Germany, and both now deceased. Mrs. Frey's parents came to this coun-

try and settled in Cedar county, Iowa. On the home place their son, Henry, and daughter, Mary, now live. Another daughter, a widow, Mrs. Shrope, also lives in Cedar county, while the other daughter, Mrs. Caroline Kettering, lives near Lisbon, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Frey have four children: Carrie B., born January 23, 1880; John E., born April 19, 1882; Emma Edith, born February 1, 1893; and Almeda, born September 23, 1894. The eldest has taken up the profession of teaching, in which she has been successful, and John is at home interested with his father in the work on the farm, while the two younger children are attending the high school at Mechanicsville, from which they hope to graduate in 1911.

Mr. Frey gives devoted allegiance to the Lutheran faith; while Mrs. Frey, although her parents were members of the church of that denomination in Lisbon, has joined the Presbyterian congregation in Mechanicsville. Miss Carrie Frey is also a member of this latter church and takes part in all its work. Politically Mr. Frey is a republican, though he takes little interest in party affairs and has never sought public office.

JAMES YOUNG.

James Young, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Madison township, Jones county, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of January, 1841, a son of David and Eliza (Davidson) Young, both natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the Young family having been founded in America about the middle of the eighteenth century by William and Mary (White) Young, natives of Scotland. They came to this country from the north of Ireland, where they were wealthy land-owners and where his ancestors were said to have been baronets. In their religious faith they were Presbyterians and they came to the new world in order to escape the persecutions to which they were subjected by the Roman Catholics. Mr. and Mrs. David Young, the parents of our subject, were married in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and in 1843, after selling their farm, came west to Iowa, making their way down the Ohio River to Cairo, Illinois, and thence up the Mississippi to Bellevue, Jackson county, Iowa. Mr. Young found a mill site on Brush creek, where he erected a mill and built a log house, with puncheon floors and clapboard roof held in place by weight poles, no nails being used in the construction of the cabin. The mill had but one iron wheel, the others being made of wood, the wooden cogs for which were boiled in lard three of four days. The father continued the operation of the mill until his death, which occurred in 1846. The mother died at the home of our subject in 1889.

Coming to Iowa when but two years of age, James Young has therefore spent almost his entire life in this state and is indebted to the school system of Jackson county for the educational privileges enjoyed. Under the parental roof he was reared to manhood and he worked in the mill until 1867, in which year he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Prince. In the spring of the following year he came to Jones county, locating in Scotch Grove township, where in



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company with a brother, David D. Young, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land and eighty acres of timber land. This they operated in conjunction until 1870, when they divided the property, and our subject continued to reside upon his portion of the land until 1882. In that year he removed to his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Madison township, and he later acquired one hundred and thirty acres in Scotch Grove and Madison townships, which he recently sold to his son, E. R. Young. He had since devoted his energies to the development of his home farm, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, and in his agricultural pursuits has met with marked success, becoming one of the successful farmers of his locality.

With the passing of the years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Young has been blessed with seven children, namely: Eliza M., the wife of Rev. A. B. Fickle, of Shellsberg, Benton county; E. Ray of Madison township, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; Dr. J. M., practicing medicine in Center Junction; David L., an attorney of Boise City, Idaho; John Arthur, a Methodist Episcopal minister of Ridgeway, Iowa; William Harvey, who is attending Grinnell College; and T. Ross, who is still under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Young hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, on the official board of which he has served for several years, while for many years he has been most active in Sunday-school work. He has served as justice of the peace for two terms, and in politics is strong in his advocacy of the principles of the prohibition party, for he fully realizes that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils against which the country today has to contend. His entire career has been characterized by high ideals and noble principles and in every relation of life his record has ever measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood.

BERNHARD W. STREEPER.

Bernhard W. Streeper one of the native farmers of Jones county, who has attained a success of no mean proportions in the vocation he has pursued diligently for a number of years in Clay township, was born December 28, 1860. His father, Stephen Russell Streeper, became one of the prominent and well known men of this county, to which he came in the pioneering days. Born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1820, he was married there July 1, 1843, to Miss Isabel H. Todd, also a native of that county, born March 17, 1822. Shortly after their union, in 1844, the couple removed to Indiana, where they lived for about sixteen years, coming to Iowa in 1860. Several years before that date in 1854, Mr. Streeper had come to Jones county, where he entered the tract of government land on which his son Bernhard W. now lives. Although the hardships of the first years after he took up his residence here were those which usually fall to the lot of the men who brave the difficulties of pioneer life, yet Mr. Streeper overcame these and made success of his life's work. He was able to give his children the best educational advantages the public schools af-

fored in those days and became a man highly regarded in his locality. He had learned the trade of a stone-mason in early manhood, and after his sons were of an age to assume some of the responsibilities of the farm, he worked at it to a considerable extent. A republican in his political views, he was elected on its ticket to the positions of township trustee, school director and school treasurer, in which capacities he served for a number of years, always with honor to himself and to the satisfaction of those who had wisely placed confidence in his judgment, honesty and discrimination. In the work of the Presbyterian church he was very active, being a constant attendant upon its services and an elder for a number of years. He died March 11, 1896, leaving eight children, eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He and his wife were the parents of eight. Mrs. Hannah M. Johnson, deceased; William, a resident of South Dakota, who first married Miss Jennie Gowing and after her death married Emma Taylor; James M., who wedded Miss Sadie Coder and lives in North Dakota; Stephen P., who married Miss Wealtha Smith and lives in Hancock, Iowa; Arabella H., who became the wife of Merritt Osborn and makes her home in Minnesota; Robert H., who wedded Miss Etta Coburn, and resides in this county; Bernhard W., the subject of this sketch; and Sheridan Grant, who married Miss Emma Coburn and also lives in this county. Mrs. Streeper died February 10, 1908.

Bernhard W. Streeper was reared under the parental roof, entering the public schools, from which he derived his first training in the English branches. Later he spent one year at Onslow and another at Hopkinton, completing his education in the latter place. When he entered upon the serious business of life he chose farming as his vocation and has pursued it ever since. For a number of years he worked in the western part of the state but in 1895 he returned to the old homestead, which he operated during the remaining years of his father's life, caring for him with filial solicitude. After his death he managed the farm for his mother, and finally, April 12, 1908, bought it from the other heirs. It embraces one hundred and sixty acres, and at the time of its purchase, in 1854, Mr. Streeper's father had paid a dollar and a quarter an acre for it. Today it is worth just one hundred times that price, for it has been improved according to the best methods, is a rich and arable tract that makes large returns for the amount of thoughtful labor expended upon it. In addition to his purely agricultural interests, Mr. Streeper handles a large number of cattle and horses, from which he derives a most gratifying income. He has attained a pronounced success; his farm is one of the valuable tracts of Clay township. His prosperity and his good fortune have been obtained solely through his own efforts, through a persistence and industry that cannot fail to derive the very best results from the cultivation of the soil.

Mr. Streeper was married November 28, 1900, to Miss Sadie Orr, who was born in Jones county, May 26, 1871, and they now have two children, Mabel and Mildred, twins, born November 27, 1904. Although the record of his life is one that bespeaks the unwearying devotion of Mr. Streeper to his own concerns, he has not been without a large measure of public spirit and generosity, for he has served his township most efficiently during a long period as trustee and as school treasurer. A republican in his political views, he has received the

support of the voters of that party when he expressed a willingness to devote some of his time to the interest of his fellow citizens. His religious adherence is given to the Presbyterian faith.

JOSEPH A. HANNA.

Having as his heritage the sturdiness of the pioneers of Jones county, Joseph A. Hanna has pursued farming in Clay township with a perseverance that has been productive of large results. His life, too, has known its measure of hardships, for he was one of the valiant sons of this state to give his service in support of his country during the Civil war, having experiences not only on the field of battle but in the loathsome prisons of the south. A native of Holmes county, Ohio, he was born in the year 1844, and is a son of William Hanna, who was also born in Ohio in 1804 but came to this county in early manhood, taking up eighty acres of land near the village of Canton. He prepared the ground for cultivation and built a log house, which served him for shelter until better conditions enabled him to erect a frame home in which he spent the rest of his life. He devoted himself to farming and died very suddenly in 1857. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Jane Blackburn before her marriage, was born in 1806 and through her marriage became the mother of eleven children, four of whom are living: William, a resident of Cedar county, Iowa; Pheness A., of Clay county, Iowa; Joseph A., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Minerva E. Vasser.

Joseph A. Hanna was reared under the parental roof and he attended the district schools, from which he received a fair training for the responsibilities of life. Although he was but seventeen years of age at the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Byam. The first engagement in which his regiment participated was that at Grand Gulf, the next, Fort Gibson, and then followed battles or skirmishes at Willow Springs, Bolton Station, Jackson, Mississippi, Champion Hill, Mississippi and the siege of Vicksburg. After the surrender of that city the regiment went back to Louisiana, where they joined General Banks and then went up the Red river to Sabine Crossroads, where they encountered the enemy in a severely contested engagement. It was important to him also, from the fact that there he was taken captive and subjected to the hardships of the southern prisons of which he had never dreamed. In the first place the prisoners were marched from the scene of battle to Camp Ford at such a rate of speed that they accomplished the distance of one hundred and fifteen miles in two days. At the camp he was confined for a period of two hundred and forty-eight days. During that time the daily food of the captives consisted of a pint of corn meal, ground with the cob, a slice of raw bacon, about the size of two fingers, and water, a bill of fare that was calculated quickly to reduce the strength of the men. Indeed, when Mr. Hanna was paroled from prison he weighed only sixty-five pounds and was so weak that he could move about only by crawling upon his hands and knees. Having been paroled, the prisoners went to New Orleans, where they procured a furlough and returned home. On the

3d of July, 1865, Mr. Hanna received his honorable discharge from the army, having rendered valiant service in the defense of the Union for three years.

When his country no longer needed his aid Mr. Hanna returned to the old homestead in Clay township, on which he toiled for about two years, when he married and established a home of his own. Accordingly he bought one hundred and thirty acres of land in Clay township, the same farm on which he now resides. In the forty odd years during which it has been his home he has cultivated it with a care that bespeaks the good husbandman, winning a fair return for his labor. He has made all of the improvements with which his place is adorned and which, like the cultivation of the fields, show that he is a good manager as well as a clever and skillful tiller of the soil.

On the 23d of March, 1866, Mr. Hanna wedded Miss Mary Perry, a daughter of Thomas and Isabelle (Barr) Perry, both natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. Mr. Perry was a tailor by trade and after crossing the Atlantic established himself in New York city, where he lived and died. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. After his death his widow, with her two children, Joseph and Mrs. Hanna, came to Clay township, Jones county, Iowa, where her younger brother, John Barr, had entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. Here she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring in 1893. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. Jennie B. Mead, Mrs. Minerva A. Shroyer, James L., Mrs. Katharine A. Walter, Mrs. Mary E. Neelans, Mrs. Nellie C. Alexander and George A. Mrs. Shroyer died April 9, 1899. All the family were educated at the district schools, while Mrs. Neelans finished at Hopkinton and Mrs. Alexander at Monticello.

Mr. Hanna has always given his support in political matters to the republican party, his allegiance to its cause being strengthened by the fact that it stood for the preservation of the Union during the Civil war. His religious adherence has been given to the Presbyterian church, in harmony with whose teachings he has attempted conscientiously to order his life. A good citizen, a noble man, and one whose life may bear examination, he enjoys a well deserved respect among those with whom he has associated during a long period.

JAMES B. SKAHILL.

Among the more prosperous and prominent farmers of Washington township is numbered James B. Skahill, who at one time owned six hundred acres of excellent land here. He was born July 23, 1852, a son of Patrick and Mary (Murray) Skahill, both natives of Ireland. The former was born in 1815 and came to America in 1850, seeking to better his fortunes in a land which was not subject to the oppression which then visited the land of his birth. After spending a few years in the east, Mr. Skahill came to Jones county, where he purchased two hundred acres of wild land. This he improved and cultivated with considerable success, for although he had come to this country a poor man, he worked his way upward by industry and determination, until at his death he

was in the enjoyment of a large competence. He was not long permitted to enjoy the comforts of the new world, for his death occurred in 1867. In the fifteen years or so that he spent in this county, however, he left his impress upon his township, for he rendered efficient service as trustee. His wife, who was about ten years his junior, also died in 1867. Of their six children, James B. Skahill is now the only survivor.

James B. Skahill, who was not fifteen years of age when he and his brothers and sisters were left orphans, the oldest being only sixteen, joined his efforts with those of his sister, a maid of twelve, with the intention of operating the farm and keeping the family together, being the youngest children in the county to conduct a home at that time. They succeeded in their undertakings for about seven years, when one of the children having died and others married, it was decided to sell the property and divide the proceeds. In the years of the struggle, Mr. Skahill had received some education in the public schools of the township, but it was very meager in comparison with the practical training he obtained from meeting squarely and unflinchingly the problems of life as they presented themselves. After the separation of the family he bought a farm of his own and now owns upwards of six hundred acres, although he has given two hundred acres to his two sons, that they might have a substantial start in life. While he pursues a general line of agriculture he has many other interests, besides mere farming. He aims to keep twenty-five or more cows in his dairy, hauling, during the best seasons, as much as five hundred pounds of milk to the creamery. He also carries the milk for neighbors, so that his dairy receipts average about five dollars a day. He feeds yearly about one hundred head of cattle and from seventy-five to one hundred hogs, besides having about sixteen horses of various ages. From sixty to eighty acres he plants in corn and each year he cuts about one hundred acres of hay. From all these various interests he derives a most gratifying return, which is a tangible evidence of his skill, his thrift and his industry. The characteristics which secured the advancement of his father along the highway of this world's progress, have been his heritage; but no man, who when scarcely more than a boy was inspired with ambition such as would have done credit to maturer years, could devote himself to what he believed to be his calling without winning from it a good fortune commensurate with his determination to succeed.

Mr. Skahill has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Eliza Kenney, by whom he had three children, namely: Willie, who married Mary McNiff, of Danbury; Anna, the wife of Thomas Evers, of Ryan; and Mary. After her death he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Durigan, a daughter of James and Mary Durigan, residents of Jones county, where Mr. Durigan secured a fair competence from the tilling of the soil. Five children were born of this union: Frank, James, Katie, Harry and John. All the children were given an education in the district schools, while James, Mary and Harry pursued their studies farther. Mary attended the public school at Temple Hill, then taught for ten years and is now the wife of Thomas Hollihan, a livery man of Ryan, Iowa. James completed his education at Cedar Rapids and is now in the employ as bookkeeper, of the Cedar Rapids Oil Company. Harry is now a student at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa.

A democrat in his political affiliations, Mr. Skahill has been elected by that party to the office of township assessor, which he filled for five years; that of clerk, which he held for ten years; and that of secretary of the school board, administering his duties in that capacity for seventeen years. He is a devout member of the Catholic church.

ALOIS STRATILEK.

Alois Stratilek, prominent as a representative of the Bohemian element in the citizenship of Oxford Junction and this section of Jones county, is proprietor of a general mercantile store and his business activity and diligence are important factors in promoting the substantial growth and upbuilding of the district. Widely and favorably known, his record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He was born at Wysoke Myto, Bohemia, June 21, 1851, and is a son of Frank and Katharine Stratilek. The father died when his son Alois was but six years of age. He was a teamster in his native country and also owned a small tract of land there. In the year 1871 the mother came to the United States, where she joined her son, Alois, passing away in his home in September, 1908. She always remained true to her husband's memory, living as a widow for more than a half century. In the family were seven children: Frank, who died at the age of two years; John, who died in Bohemia; Mary and James, who also passed away in the old country; Joseph, who died in Buffalo, New York; Rosa, whose death occurred in Buffalo; and Alois.

After the father's death Alois Stratilek remained at home with his widowed mother until thirteen years of age, when he began learning the cabinetmaker's trade, thus preparing for the practical and onerous duties of life which must devolve upon him in consequence of the necessity of providing for his own support, as the father had left the family in limited circumstances. In 1867, at the age of sixteen years, he accompanied his brother Joseph to Buffalo, New York, where he worked at his trade for six years, being successful there as second foreman in a furniture factory, after which he made his way to Chicago, spending ten months in that city, working for H. Andrews and Company. He was for two months a resident of Davenport, Iowa, and in 1874 he came to Oxford Junction, where he has since made his home. It was in April of that year that he established his present general mercantile business, which he has now conducted for more than a third of a century. He purchased his present building twenty-one years ago and has remodeled it, stocking it with a large line of general merchandise, for which he finds a ready sale as his business methods are reliable and his prices reasonable. He also has a warehouse in connection with the store and his is one of the largest commercial enterprises of the town. He is also extensively engaged in the packing of poultry in the winter seasons, and for about twenty years conducted a furniture and undertaking business, but has disposed of it, concentrating his energies upon his general store. He manufactured considerable furniture by hand in the earlier days, while later he stocked his store with goods from the factory. At all times he has manifested the modern



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spirit of enterprise and progress in the conduct of his interest and his success is the well merited reward of his labor. In addition to his mercantile interest Mr. Stratilek is a director in the Oxford Junction Savings Bank, of which he was one of the organizers.

In 1874 Mr. Stratilek was united in marriage at Oxford Junction, Iowa, to Miss Anna Bokorny, who was born in Bohemia in 1853 and at eighteen years of age became a resident of Buffalo, New York, having accompanied her uncle to the new world. The living children of this marriage are: Anna, the wife of John Sobotka, of Oxford Junction; Helen, the wife of Charles Seaton, an editor of Clarence, Iowa; Otto, who relieves his father of the management of the store; Mary, the wife of Henry Louisfield of Oxford Junction; and Tillie, at home. They also lost seven children, one dying in infancy, while the six who passed away in childhood were Aggie, Louisa, Elenor, Gusta, Edith and Victor.

In his political views Mr. Stratilek has been a stalwart democrat since 1867, having changed from a republican to democrat in that year and is active in the party, filling various village and township offices. He has been elected mayor, councilman and township trustee. He has been active in educational affairs; serving for eighteen years on the school board, for though his own opportunities in educational lines were very limited he has always been a stalwart champion of the public schools, doing everything in his power to promote the intellectual development of the community. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias. He was for many years the foremost representative of the Bohemian life of the community but is now from choice living retired to some extent. He came to Oxford Junction a stranger with a capital of only one hundred and twenty-five dollars. He made and lost a fortune here but is again in substantial circumstances, having acquired a competence which is sufficient to enable him practically to live retired, at the present time leaving the management of mercantile interests to his son. His energy and determination have been salient factors in his record and his history shows what may be accomplished by one who has perseverance combined with a will to dare and to do.

WILLIAM MILLS.

Some of the bravest and most devoted defenders of the Union during the dark days when dissolution seemed imminent were men who were born on foreign soil but attracted to the cause on account of their love of justice and fair dealing and for the reason that they knew that the north was in the right. One of the native sons of Canada who came to the rescue of the country which is now his adopted land is William Mills, of Hale township. He was born near St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, October 1, 1825, and is a son of David and Ruth Mills, natives of Nova Scotia, who spent their lives in Canada. They had a family of five children, as follows: John, who died young; George; Nathaniel, who passed away forty-eight years ago; Sarah Eberly, also is deceased; and William, the youngest of the family.

The father of this family died when William Mills was only thirteen months old but the mother brought up her little family and William remained with her until he was fifteen years old. At that age he went to Palmyra, Ontario, and learned the blacksmithing trade with a brother-in-law and followed it until about 1897, with the exception of the time he spent in the service of the United States. Mr. Mills was still a resident of Canada when he enlisted at Detroit, Michigan, in Company E, Fifteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry and served during the last five months of the struggle. In the fall of 1865 he came to Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, with his wife and four children and resided there for seven years, when he removed to Hale township and this has since been his home. Being an excellent workman Mr. Mills always had plenty to do and he took a pride in being one of the best blacksmiths in Jones county.

On February 22, 1854, Mr. Mills married Amanda Whitesell, who was born in Streetsville, Ontario, January 5, 1837, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Whitesell, natives of Pennsylvania and Ontario, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have had four children: John, who lives at Geneva, Nebraska; William J., who lives at Anamosa; Elizabeth, who married Edward Lewis; and Cora, who married Peter Markey, of Milwaukee; Elizabeth died in Texas. April 11, 1909. Cora was born in Wyoming, and the others in Canada.

Mr. Mills is a stanch republican and has always been interested in the success of the party for which he has done so much. He is a member of the Dan Carpenter Post, G. A. R., of Olin, Iowa, and takes a great deal of pleasure in his association with it and the opportunities it gives him to meet his old comrades. A man of simple tastes, he has always striven to do his full duty and has won and held the respect of his community.

GEORGE W. COLEMAN.

With each year the work of farming is becoming more and more profitable and for this reason those who have been engaged in it are continuing to devote their energies to the tilling of the soil, while others are leaving the crowded cities and going out into the freer and happier life. George W. Coleman, of Hale township, is one of the sensible and prosperous farmers of Jones county who realizes the worth of Iowa land and is doing a general farming and stock-raising business. He was born near Tipton, October 31, 1860, a son of Adney and Sarah A. (Simmons) Coleman. The father died in 1898 but the mother survives, living now at Olin. A complete sketch of her is given elsewhere in this work. There were eleven children in the family of whom George W. is a member, and of them five daughters and three sons survive.

In 1864 George W. Coleman was brought to Jones county by his parents and it has since been his home, and he is proud of it and of the changes he has seen take place. Until he was twenty-two years old he remained with his parents and then worked out by the month among the different farmers for some twelve years. He afterward rented the home place, buying his present farm from his father's estate in 1898 and it is now one of the best managed in the township.

He has eighty-five acres of rich farming land on section 8, Hale township, and he has found that general farming and stock raising pay him best.

On February 17, 1904, Mr. Coleman married Elizabeth R. Devol, of Olin, the widow of Frederick Devol, and a daughter of Albert and Sarah Clymer. By her first marriage, Mrs. Coleman had one son, Irving, and she has borne Mr. Coleman a daughter, Laura Margaret. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman is delightful and they welcome their many friends to their hospitable board upon numerous occasions.

Fraternally Mr. Coleman belongs to the Olin Lodge, No. 245, K. P. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Pleasant Hill. In political matters he is a republican but has devoted his time to his farming and so has not been active in public matters. He understands his work, makes it pay and is not only successful but also commands the respect of his neighbors because of his straight, honorable methods of doing business.

C. A. LEFFINGWELL.

That farming in Iowa is a profitable business is evidenced by the life of C. A. Leffingwell, who through the cultivation of its rich lands has derived the competence that now enables him to put aside business cares and live retired in a beautiful home in the village of Oxford. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, November 14, 1850, a son of Edwin and Louise M. (Fitch) Leffingwell, the former born in Ohio and the latter in the Keystone state. In 1851 the father made a business trip to Iowa and while on his way back to Ohio his death occurred. Subsequent to his death the mother, with her family of four children, came to Jones county, Iowa, the year of her arrival here being 1854. She entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Oxford township and after improving the tract made her home thereon until 1868. Then, selling the farm, she purchased another in the same township, remaining there until her death, which occurred in 1874. As stated her family numbered four children, but only two are now living, the sister of our subject being Sarah L., the wife of Milo Lathrop, of New Market, Taylor county, Iowa. Mary E., the other sister, died in 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years, while the brother, Henry E., was drowned in 1875, at the age of thirty-one years.

C. A. Leffingwell was a little lad of four years at the time of the removal from Ohio to Jones county. At the usual age he entered the common schools, wherein he mastered the branches of learning that fitted him to face the responsibilities of life in later years. He remained with his mother until the time of her death and after reaching mature years assisted her materially in the management and operation of the home place. On the 11th of February, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary I. Rathbone, the only child of George and Mary Rathbone and a native of Jones county. Her parents were both natives of England and are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Leffingwell continued to engage in farm work and he and his wife are now in possession of two hundred and seventy acres of

valuable farm property in Oxford township. After leading a busy, useful and active life for many years, Mr. Leffingwell removed to Oxford, where he owns a fine residence on Fifth avenue. He still retains possession of his farm, from which he secures a good rental that supplies him with all the comforts of life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leffingwell have been born one son and two daughters: George Edwin, of Oxford; Agnes M., the wife of L. F. Zeller; and Grace A., who is a graduate of the Oxford high school and is at home. A democrat in principle and practice, Mr. Leffingwell was nominated on that ticket to the state senate in 1899 but met with defeat. He has served as township trustee and has filled a number of minor offices, in all of which he has discharged his duties faithfully and conscientiously. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 88, at Oxford. His labors in former years were of a character that contributed to general progress and prosperity as well as to individual success and now he is living a contented and happy life and enjoying the rest which he so well deserves.

MIKE MAREK.

Mike Marek is a progressive and enterprising agriculturist of Cass township who through the careful management of his business affairs is meeting with creditable success. As the name indicates he is of foreign birth and belongs to a family that, like many another that has come from across the water, sought the opportunities of the new world that advancement might be made in business lines and better advantages given to the members of the household. He was born in Bohemia on the 6th of January, 1851, a son of Martin and Kate Marek, also natives of that country. The family came to America about 1853 and located first in Davenport, Iowa, where they remained for about eight years. Removal was then made to Jones county, the family residence being established in Castle Grove township. Mrs. Kate Marek, the mother of our subject, passed away about two weeks after the arrival of the family in Davenport, and later the father was again married. Mike Marek of this review was the only child born unto the first union, while by his second wife Mr. Marek had three sons, Charles, John and Martin, the latter of whom is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The father passed away in 1906 when he had reached the eighty-third milestone on life's journey.

Mike Marek was but two years of age when the family took up their abode in America, and consequently almost his entire life has been spent here. The common schools of Davenport and Jones county afforded him a fair knowledge of the common branches of English learning, and he remained on his father's farm in Castle Grove township until he was about twenty-four years of age, when he was married. He then entered business on his own account as an agriculturist, operating a farm in the capacity of renter for two years, at the expiration of which time he purchased forty-five acres of land in Linn county. Four years later he bought thirty-five acres, making eighty acres in all, and at the end of another four years he purchased a tract of twenty acres in Jones

county, so that he then owned one hundred acres. He located on his Jones county property, which was located in Castle Grove township, and made his home there for four years. At the expiration of that period he rented his farm and removed to Monticello, living there for five years while working on the railroad. The next five years were spent on his farm in Castle Grove township but at the end of that time he sold the place and purchased one hundred and forty acres in Cass township, where he now resides. He is directing his efforts toward its further development and under his excellent management it has become a highly improved farm. He has closely studied agriculture in all its various phases, practices rotation of crops, knows the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and has so conducted his business as to gain for himself a most creditable place among the substantial and representative farmers of the community.

It was on the 14th of November, 1874, that Mr. Marek was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lawrence, who was born in Bolder township, Linn county, on the 25th of May, 1856. Her parents were Andrew and Barbara Lawrence, natives of Germany and Bohemia respectively. Although no children came to bless their union, Mr. and Mrs. Marek have raised four children, three girls and one boy, and they also have an adopted son, Wensel.

Although Mr. Marek has won a most creditable degree of success in agricultural lines, he is perhaps better known to his fellow citizens by reason of the active and helpful interest which he has taken in community affairs. He is a stalwart supporter of the republican party and for the past six years has filled the office of township trustee. In this capacity he has under his supervision and care twenty-six miles of township roads, for the condition of which he is responsible. He is also serving as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stanch champion. His influence is ever upon the side of improvement, advancement, progress and reform and these qualities constitute him a citizen of worth in the community in which he resides. He is a member of the Catholic church of Anamosa, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of his life, and his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

GEORGE DANIEL JAMES.

The pioneers of Iowa suffered many privations and faced real dangers in their work of redeeming the wilderness, and what they accomplished is remarkable viewed from the standpoint of today. Among the names associated with the early history of Jones county is that of James, and representatives of this well known family are to be found throughout the various townships, the majority of them engaged in tilling the soil. George Daniel James, a native of the county, belongs to this family. He was born in Jackson township, where he still resides, September 17, 1870, being a son of Walter and Mary (Sherman) James, and grandson of Walter James. The latter, a native of Wales, emigrated to Virginia and after some time spent in that state pushed on to Jones county, Iowa, where he was one of the early settlers. He had a family of ten children.

Walter James, Jr., the father of George Daniel James, was born in Virginia on the same day as John D. Rockefeller. He now resides in Wyoming, having retired from active life. His wife was also born in Virginia and both were brought to Jones county when young and were married here. For many years they resided upon a farm, which he operated, and which contained one hundred and sixty acres. There were six children in their family, as follows: Ida May, who married J. Juzeler, of Washington; Philip G., who lives at Wayne, Nebraska; Charlotte, who married Frank Porter, of Jackson township; Sarah E., who married James Keglog, of Wyoming, Iowa; Olive, who lives in San Francisco, and George Daniel James.

Until his marriage, George Daniel James remained at home and then bought his present farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 25, 26 and 23, Jackson township. Here he carries on general farming and handles a large number of cattle, doing his work by the latest methods and with improved machinery. The land is highly cultivated, and he has made many desirable improvements.

On January 29, 1895, occurred the marriage of Mr. James and Elizabeth Stivers, who was born in Jackson township, March 9, 1875. She is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Clark) Stivers, the former of whom was born October 20, 1825, in New York state, and the latter born October 31, 1824, in Virginia. They were married in Ohio, in 1853, and came to Jones county in 1855. Mr. Stivers passed away July 25, 1884, but his widow survives him and lives on the old homestead. Ten children were born to them. Mr. and Mrs. James have two children: Harvey Stivers and Esther Eloise.

The James family made a good record during the Civil war. Walter James, Jr., enlisted from Jones county, August 12, 1861, as corporal, and received his promotion to the rank of first lieutenant January 16, 1865. He served until the close of the war, in all of about four years, being a brave and gallant soldier, who was willing to risk his life in the service of his country. Mr. James has borne his part in public matters by serving faithfully as assessor of Jackson township for one term, having been elected on the republican ticket. He is a man of strong convictions, is popular, and is often cited as one of the representative farmers of his township.

JAMES LISTER.

Numbered among the men whose memory is cherished because of the active and honorable part which they displayed in the history of the county in former years is James Lister, one of the leading representatives of agricultural interests of this community. He was born in Scotland, January 5, 1832, and spent his youthful days in the land of hills and heather, of mountain crag and lake and glen. He there learned the stone cutter's trade and in 1854, when twenty-four years of age, emigrated to America, seeking the more favorable business opportunities offered by the new world. For a short time he resided at Dunleith, now East Dubuque, Illinois, and in 1856 came to Iowa, establishing his home near Farley, where he turned his attention to general farming. He devoted four and



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one-half years to the cultivation of the soil and then removed to Dubuque. He was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's first call for troops to crush out the rebellion in its incipiency, enlisting as a member of the Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. As the state quota was full, however, the regiment did not go into the field but Mr. Lister remained in the government service for several years, being engaged in the construction of bridges and forts.

Soon after the close of the war, in April, 1866, Mr. Lister came to Jones county and subsequently removed to Cedar Rapids, where he engaged in business for a few years. When the work of the building of the state penitentiary at Anamosa was begun, he was made foreman in charge of the erection and was employed by the state as chief stone mason for the Iowa state penitentiary for many years. He built the first cell house of that institution and was employed altogether as boss stone cutter at the penitentiary for twenty-one consecutive years. His life was one of marked activity, thrift and usefulness and he became the possessor of four hundred acres of fine farming land just west of the city of Anamosa whereon his family long resided.

In 1864, Mr. Lister was united in marriage to Miss Jane Perry, a native of England, and unto them were born four children: Jane, Thomas, George and Arthur. Of these, Thomas and Arthur are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The death of the husband and father occurred in 1899, when he was about sixty-eight years of age. He had been a member of the school board for several years and was ever most loyal to the public trusts which were given into his care. He formed a wide acquaintance during his long residence in the county and all who knew him esteemed him for his genuine worth and his many substantial traits. He had been a resident of the state for almost forty years at the time of his demise, having lived to witness much of its growth and development, while in many ways he had materially aided in its progress and upbuilding.

HARBISON ORR.

Harbison Orr, a part of whose farm is included within the bounds of the village of Onslow, was born in Massachusetts, March 10, 1867. His parents, Samuel and Sarah Orr, were natives of Ireland and came to the United States in the early '50s. After a few years spent in the east they located in Jones county, Iowa, settling upon a farm in Clay township. There the father died in 1875, and there his widow is still residing, being in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are now living.

Harbison Orr remained at home until he was twenty years old, having received a fair education in the common schools of his locality and practical experience in the tilling of the soil through working upon the farm. About 1887 he began working by the month for neighboring farmers, and then took a trip to California, where he lived for about ten months. Upon his return to Jones county, he worked as a farm hand for a time and then rented the old homestead, which he cultivated for several years, afterward, purchasing the place he now owns. It consists of one hundred and seventy-four acres, twenty of

which lie within the village of Onslow. Here he has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and has also engaged in the stock business to some extent and has given some attention to dairying. He maintains his fields in a high state of cultivation, employing the most advanced methods, while his buildings are well constructed and in accordance with the modern ideas of sanitation and effectiveness for the purposes for which they are designated. This progressive spirit, united with the industry which has made possible the generous harvests which have yearly rewarded his efforts, has made him one of the more successful farmers of Wyoming township.

On the 22d of June, 1898, Mr. Orr wedded Miss Mary Dennison, a native of Jones county and a daughter of John and Mathilda (Campbell) Dennison, a sketch of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. No children have been born of this union. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and actively interested in its work. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party, feeling convinced of the value of its principles, and in the capacities of assessor and school director has rendered the township invaluable service, for he is a man who accepts his responsibilities seriously and has ever promoted the best interests of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., and the chapter of the Mystic Workers located in Onslow.

HARRY W. CARLTON.

The enterprising village of Oxford Junction affords pleasant accommodations to visitors and the traveling public in the Corwin Hotel, of which Harry W. Carlton is proprietor. He was born in the village of Oxford Mills, November 10, 1873, a son of L. D. and Frances E. (Whitney) Carlton, the former born in New York and the latter in New Hampshire. In 1862 they accompanied their respective parents on their removal to Jones county, Iowa, where the latter entered land from the government. Having learned the blacksmith's trade, L. D. Carlton opened a shop in Oxford Mills and continued to carry on business along that line for about twenty years. Later he engaged in mercantile business up to within a year of his death and he also served as postmaster of Oxford Mills until he retired from business, being appointed to that position during President Harrison's second term. He passed away on the 1st of February, 1905, having survived his wife about three years, her death occurring March 3, 1902. Their only daughter, Effa S., has also departed this life, so that the son, Harry W., is the only surviving member of the family.

Harry W. Carlton acquired his education in the common schools and assisted his father in the store until he attained his majority. In 1902, when his father retired, he assumed charge of the mercantile business in Oxford Mills, this claiming his attention for eight years, while during the same period he acted as postmaster of the village. He then purchased the Corwin House at Oxford and has since conducted that hostelry. It contains twenty-six rooms, is modern

in its equipment, and its genial proprietor neglects nothing that can add to the comfort of his guests.

Mr. Carlton chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Ada B. Haun, their marriage being celebrated June 18, 1902. Mrs. Carlton was born in South Dakota, November 1, 1871, a daughter of S. S. and Elba O. (Cheney) Haun. The father was born in Pennsylvania, while the mother is a native of Jackson county, Iowa, but they now make their home in Jones county. Mrs. Carlton has a twin sister, Ida D., the wife of John C. Kettlesen, a resident of Wyoming, this county. The former graduated from the Oxford high school and prior to her marriage engaged in teaching for ten or twelve years.

Mr. Carlton gives his political support to the republican party and for ten or twelve years was a member of the school board. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church. They are popular with their guests and their social qualities have endeared them to many friends in Oxford.

ELI SIGEL OVERHOLT.

One of the valuable tracts of arable land in Madison township is that on which Eli Sigel Overholt cultivates the cereals for which the middle western states, especially Iowa, are noted throughout the world. A native of Jones county, he was born in Oxford township, May 5, 1862, and is a son of Jonas and Sarah (Means) Overholt. The parents, both natives of Ohio and of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction, were reared and married in the state of their birth, coming in the fall of 1856 to Iowa. The first winter was spent in Clinton county and then in the spring of 1857 they came to Jones county, settling in Oxford township on a quarter section of land which Joseph Overholt, the paternal grandfather of our subject, had entered some years before. On that farm Jonas Overholt lived continuously until 1885, when he removed to Wyoming, Iowa, to spend the rest of his life in retirement. His death occurred in that village, March 9, 1889. He had been an ardent republican throughout his life but was never an office seeker. His first wife, the mother of Eli Sigel Overholt, died in 1863, and Mr. Overholt later married Miss Minerva Walston, who survived him about two years.

Eli Sigel Overholt was reared at home and attended the public schools, from which he derived a good education. Upon attaining his majority in 1883 he went to Sac county, Iowa. After one season's work as a farm hand he returned to Jones county, which has been his home continuously since. In 1885 he married, rented a tract of land and engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. Seven years later, in 1892, he purchased his first farm of one hundred and sixty acres, lying on section 8, Wyoming township. He lived thereon until 1907, when he sold it and purchased the valuable farm he now owns. It embraces two hundred acres on section 12, Madison township, and is accounted one of the richest tracts of land in this county. On it Mr. Overholt follows a diversified line of agriculture, also devoting considerable attention to dairying. While he is industrious to a high degree his success is also due to the progressive

methods which have characterized his cultivation of the soil. He has spared no exertion nor expenditure of money in procuring the best results for his labor.

It was in 1885 that Mr. Overholt was united in marriage to Miss Phurby Mitchell, of Wyoming township, this county. Three children have been born to them: Joseph Owen, George and Emma A., all of whom are at home. Like his father, Mr. Overholt has been a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party, but he has never sought any office. Fraternally he enjoys membership relations with Camp No. 183, M. W. A. The record of his years of activity in this township places him among the leading and representative agriculturists here, where he enjoys a respect commensurate with his achievements in his vocation.

HERMAN RICKLEFS.

Among the representative American citizens who claim Germany as their native home is Herman Ricklefs, who was there born on the 13th of September, 1867, a son of H. J. and Elizabeth (Liner) Ricklefs, who were also born in the fatherland, where their entire lives were passed. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the youngest.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in his native land, Herman Ricklefs acquired his education in the schools of Germany and remained under the paternal roof until twenty years of age, when his attention was directed toward the new world by rumors concerning the broader opportunities offered on this side of the Atlantic for business advancement and progress. Accordingly on the 25th of March, 1887, he bade adieu to friends and country and came to America, making his way to Jones county, Iowa, where for four years he was engaged as a farm hand. During that period he was actuated by the laudable ambition to some day take up agricultural pursuits on his own account, and so he carefully saved his earnings until he had accumulated enough with which to purchase a farm of his own. He then bought his present farm consisting of one hundred and fifty acres in Scotch Grove township, and to its further cultivation and development he has since directed his energies. Under his careful and wise management the place has become one of the well improved properties of the community and in its neat and attractive appearance stands as a monument to his industry and thrift. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and his close application, good judgment and business ability have been salient elements in the creditable degree of prosperity which he today enjoys.

In 1892 Mr. Ricklefs was united in marriage to Miss Anna Husman, also a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents in early life. The mother has passed away while her father still survives and makes his home in Lovell township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ricklefs have been born five children, namely: Henry J., Lizzie, William, Herman, Jr., and Anna. The parents are both members of the German Lutheran church and are people of the highest

standing in the community, their many excellent traits of character having won for them an extensive circle of friends.

Politically Mr. Ricklefs gives his support to the democracy and served as road supervisor for two years. For more than two decades he has been identified with the agricultural interests of this part of the state and during this period has, through his own unaided efforts, won a most gratifying degree of success. He is numbered among those who left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption.

MERRITT MORGAN MOTT.

Merritt Morgan Mott, who is one of the oldest photographers of Anamosa, was born in Cortland county, New York, February 21, 1844, his parents being Philander and Harriett (Poe) Mott, also natives of New York, the former born December 29, 1816, and the latter September 16, 1823. His paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Lydia (Messinger) Mott, who maintained the reputation held by this family as being very long lived, for different members have closely approached the hundredth milestone, before their lives were brought to a close. Philander Mott and his wife came to Iowa in 1865, locating in Fairview, where he engaged in the brokerage business. He dealt largely in tax titles and obtained a gratifying income from his operations. Like others of his name he lived to an advanced age, for he had tolled off eighty-eight years before he was called to his final rest.

Merritt Morgan Mott came to Iowa a few years before his parents, and established himself in the town of Fairview in 1862. There he followed the blacksmiths' trade, which he had learned in the east, but, being of an artistic temperament, gave it up to pursue the photographic art, which was at that time just beginning to come into the prominence it enjoys at present. As progress has been made in the business he has advanced until he is now able to produce work which may well stand beside that turned out in other and larger cities. His success is in part due to the fact that he is his own most severe critic, for with the true instinct of an artist he is satisfied with the best only. On many an occasion, it is related of him, he has refused to let work leave his shop because it did not satisfy his exacting taste, although his customer found in it nothing to criticise. Endowed with a keen love of art, and a discrimination in the choice and posing of subjects, he has won a success that equals that attained by prominent men in other parts of the country. His reputation as well as the long period of his residence here, amounting to more than forty-seven years, entitle him to the fair name he enjoys as a workman and the respect in which he is held by all those who have come in contact with him, for a high code of honor has guided him in his business dealings as a high grade of achievements in his art has been his ambition.

In 1863, Mr. Mott wedded Miss Elizabeth Cromwell, who was descended from a branch of the family to which the Protector of England Oliver Crom-

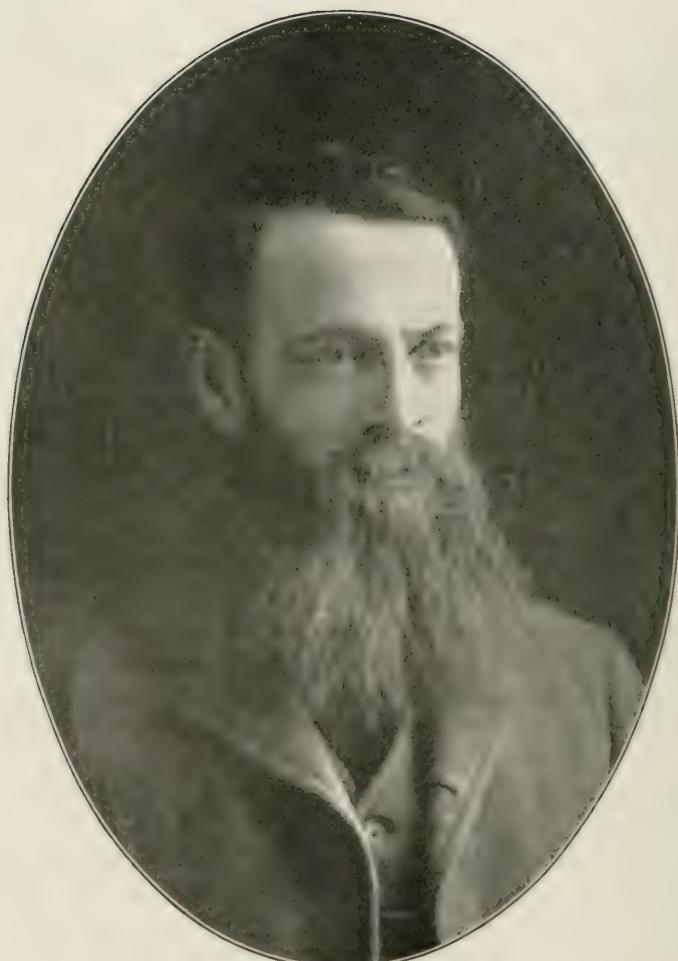
well, belonged. Two children were born of this marriage: Catherine, who became the wife of William Richardson; and Wallace A., who married Miss Katie Coon and resides in Hale township. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Mott married Miss Amelia Taylor, a daughter of John and Jane Taylor, both natives of the state of New York. Two of the children born of this marriage now survive, John and Mamie. The latter became the wife of Gustus Wilson, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and they have two children. Mrs. Amelia Mott has also passed away.

Since his young manhood Mr. Mott has consistently voted the democratic ticket, as he has believed in the value of the doctrines advocated in its platform. He has for a number of years been connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being now an honorable member of the local lodge.

SAMUEL JOSEPH RICE.

Samuel Joseph Rice, who prepared the account of Scotch Grove township which appears in this history of Jones county, is an agriculturist of note and a man whose foresight in meeting the needs of those engaged in the same line of work, has materially lightened their labors. He was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1859, of sturdy Scotch parentage. His father, Rev John Rice, was born in Paisley, Scotland, February 23, 1824, and, having been educated for the Covenanter ministry, preached in the north of Scotland for a number of years before he came to the United States. In 1853 he crossed the Atlantic and after his arrival upon our shores, pursued the same vocation here as in the land of his birth. On the 23d of May, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Maria Diven, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Diven, and they became the parents of four children. Samuel J. is the eldest. Robert Martin, the second, died in infancy. Andrew Alexander, who was born March 22, 1864, married Miss Eva Thomas, February 23, 1887, and died September 10, 1899, leaving two daughters, Ethel M. and Miriam E. Mary Elizabeth, born October 13, 1867, is now the wife of Donald O. Sinclair. In 1873 the family came to Scotch Grove township, and in the spring of the following year moved to the homestead now occupied by Samuel Joseph Rice. Here Rev. Rice lived the remainder of his days, responding to the call of death October 9, 1908.

Samuel Joseph Rice was reared at home, acquiring under the guidance of his father those strong qualities which have made him one of the successful members of the community in which he lives. He devoted himself to agricultural pursuits early in his life, and while he has met with success in that line, it is as the inventor of the adjustable wagon scale stock rack that he is most widely known in this state and elsewhere, for this device has rendered some of the problems that confronted the stockman much simpler. It was patented in 1899 and has since been in general use, finding a ready sale wherever it has been introduced. The fact of the invention indicates the active mind which Mr. Rice has always brought to his daily work, so that it is natural that he should attain results in the cultivation of the soil impossible for a less progressive man. Under his man-



SAMUEL J. RICE



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agement the boundaries of the homestead have been extended to include two hundred and twelve acres, eighty acres being valuable timber land, the remainder rich and arable. In connection with his other business, Mr. Rice has operated a threshing machine and sawmill and has also quarried considerable stone, meeting with success in all his undertakings.

GEORGE C. LAWRENCE.

George C. Lawrence has been a resident of Jones county, Iowa, almost continuously since the year 1879. In May of that year, being then a boy of but eleven years of age, he was brought to Anamosa, together with his older brother and sister, by his father, from Chicago, Illinois. His initial residence in Anamosa, however, was short, for at the expiration of one year, the family removed to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where twelve years previous, on November 1, 1868, Mr. Lawrence first saw the light of day. After a residence in Wisconsin of two years, the family again removed to Chicago, Illinois, and after residing in the last mentioned city two years more, the family again removed to Anamosa, where, with the exception of about three years spent in Iowa City, Iowa, principally in attendance upon studies pursued in the law department of the State University of Iowa, at that place, the subject of our sketch has maintained his residence ever since.

Mr. Lawrence is a son of George C. and Eva A. (Redburn) Lawrence, who were natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. On the evening of the day of his admission to the bar, at Iowa City, Iowa, June 10, 1896, he was married to Miss Etta M. Pratt, of that city, a daughter of Warren and Perlina Pratt, and soon thereafter established a home in Anamosa. Four children, all sons, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence: Warren P., now a boy of twelve years; Theodore R., who died in infancy; and Ray and Roy, twins, who were born May 22, 1904.

On July 1, 1896, Mr. Lawrence became the junior member of the law firm of Remley & Ercanbrack, under the firm name of Remley, Ercanbrack & Lawrence. H. M. Remley and T. R. Ercanbrack had been associated together in the practice of law for about twenty-five years prior to the accession of Mr. Lawrence as a member of the firm and had always enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, and the association of Mr. Lawrence as a member of this old established firm is evidence of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his associates. The firm continued, however, but a few months, for early in November of 1896, Judge Remley was elevated to the district bench, upon the decease of Judge Wolf. Mr. Ercanbrack and Mr. Lawrence then continued for a short time, and soon thereafter Judge F. O. Ellison became associated as a member of the firm, under the firm name of Ellison, Ercanbrack & Lawrence, and this firm continued until Mr. Lawrence withdrew, in the spring of 1899, to take charge of the collection department of a large manufacturing concern in Iowa City. He returned to Anamosa the next year, since which time he has been alone in business. In latter years, Mr. Lawrence but seldom ap-

pears in the actual trial of causes in court, being more concerned in keeping parties out of court, than in extricating them from difficulties after becoming involved.

For nearly twenty years, the subject of our sketch was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but upon becoming convinced of the merits of the Christian Science movement, has recently associated himself with this denomination. His political affiliation has always been with the republican party. The family occupy a very commodious and substantial residence of pressed brick, with stone trimmings, erected but a few years ago, which is celebrated for its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. Mr. Lawrence is one of the progressive men of the city, in sympathy with any movement which he believes will be of value to the community and tend toward the betterment of the conditions of mankind.

JOHN D. NEELANS.

In the thirty odd years that John D. Neelans has lived and worked upon his farm in Clay township, many improvements have been made upon the place, which have brought it to a high state of cultivation and the position it occupies at present, that of being one of the best in the locality. A native of Clay township, he was born upon the place he now owns, September 10, 1874, his parents being William and Mary (Dennison) Neelans, both natives of Ireland. The father was born in March, 1833, and came to the United States with his parents when he was seventeen years of age. The family located in Connecticut, where he found employment in the mines, and in 1860, after his marriage he came to Iowa. He also worked in the powder mills of Connecticut until the accidental death of his brother made him decide to seek other means of livelihood. In 1867 he purchased the first eighty acres of the homestead in Clay township, this county. He had nothing when he made the change to his new mode of life except the meager savings which he had slowly accumulated from his wages while working in the mines and the powder mills, but he was endowed with a capacity for work, and knew the value of industry and thrift, so that it was not long before he was well advanced along the road to success and able to add sixty acres to his landholdings. His long, honorable and well spent life was ended in 1904 and he was mourned as a good man and noble citizen. His widow, who was born in 1837, is still living. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters: John D., Elizabeth, Ellen and William, all of whom are living in Iowa.

Reared to the life of a farmer and initiated into hard work, John D. Neelans nevertheless chose agriculture as his own vocation, and, being satisfied with the returns reaped from the soil of the home place, has never sought other fields of labor. He acquired a fairly good education in the public schools of his township, although study was never permitted to interrupt the work which was carried on upon the farm. For four years, however, he sought a livelihood elsewhere as a day laborer, the experiences of that period only serving to make him better contented with the vocation which had been selected for him. Since he

has assumed the full responsibility of operating the home farm, he has instituted a number of improvements, not the least being the erection of the fine residence he now occupies. It is fitted with many of the modern conveniences enjoyed by dwellers in the cities, even to a fine furnace, which thoroughly heats the whole house despite the severe cold without. In addition to the raising of many cereals Mr. Neelans has given a considerable amount of time to the stock business, raising large numbers of hogs, cattle and horses and feeding them for the market. As progressive ideas have guided him in his work and industry has been the force which has put them into constant practice, it is but in the natural course of events that Mr. Neelans should be accounted one of the prosperous farmers of this township.

After he had proved to his own satisfaction that he was able to achieve success in his line of work, Mr. Neelans was married December 20, 1899, to Miss Mate Hanna. Three children have been born to them: Fred J., born January 11, 1901; Mary D., born April 22, 1904; and Ruth G., born November 21, 1907.

Mr. Neelans is a Presbyterian in his religious affiliations and gives his support in political matters to the democratic party. While he could not be called an office seeker, he has served his township most worthily as township clerk, his terms extending over a period of four years. His life, lived in accordance with high principles and spent in useful endeavor, has been of valuable service to the community and proves him deserving of the respect he enjoys.

C. S. PEET.

C. S. Peet, well known in business circles of Greenfield township as a dealer in grain, coal and feed, is also the efficient rural free delivery carrier of route No. 1, Martelle, Iowa, which position he has filled for about a year and a half. A native of this township, he was born on the 26th of October, 1873, and is the fourth son in a family of nine sons whose parents are E. G. and Oriana (Chapin) Peet, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he remained upon the home farm, assisting in its operation until 1903. He then went to Pennsylvania, where for a time he was variously engaged, and later entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, with whom he continued until 1905. In that year he returned to his native township and since that time has been identified with the elevator business, dealing in grain, coal and feed. His enterprise has already reached gratifying proportions and is constantly expanding in volume. He has made a close study of the business and keeps well informed on the conditions of the market, so that he is able to buy and sell to the best advantage. For a year and a half he has served as the rural free delivery carrier of route No. 1, of Martelle, in which capacity he is proving efficient and entirely satisfactory, while his genial disposition has made him popular throughout the community.

Mr. Peet was married on the 6th of April, 1904, to Miss Myrtie E. Pierce, a native of East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, her parents being Charles and Nellie K. (Wood) Pierce, prominent farming people of East Smithfield. She had one

sister who passed away in infancy, while two brothers survive, namely: Harry L., residing in Greenfield township; and Loren A., making his home with his parents. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peet was born one daughter, Florence Lillian, aged four years. The mother passed away on the 28th of September, 1907, in Rochester, Minnesota, whither she had gone for her health, and the little daughter is now living with an uncle, Harry L. Peet.

Politically Mr. Peet gives his allegiance to the republican party, having been a stalwart supporter of its principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is a member of Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., and also is identified with White Rose Lodge, K. P., of Martelle, both of which organizations find in him a worthy exemplar. Mr. Peet is an enthusiastic lover of outdoor sports of all kinds and was a member of the famous ball team of Martelle which was instrumental in bringing that town before the public eye. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he has taken a deep interest in all **community** affairs and his influence is ever upon the side of improvement, **progress and reform**. During the period which he and his wife traveled life's journey together their home life was largely ideal, their dwelling being the abiding place of a perfect understanding and happiness. They occupied a high place in the community and Mr. Peet today enjoys the unqualified honor, respect and good will of every one with whom he has been associated.

JAMES EDWARD FLANIGAN.

One of the prominent families of Washington township is that to which James Edward and the late Michael Bernard Flanigan belong. The former is one of the successful farmers of his locality, while the latter during his lifetime was one of the most influential men of the county, having been elected to the position of mayor by the citizens of Cascade and during the period of his incumbency gained a wide reputation as a man of honor, progress and high principles.

The father of these esteemed men, Michael Flanigan, was born in Ireland in 1814. In 1839 he came to the United States, and, in Maryland, New York, the next year he was married to Miss Mary Farrell, a native of County Longford, Ireland, where she was born in 1814. In 1842 he came to Jones county, Iowa, entering four hundred and forty acres of government land, where his son James Edward lives today. It was raw land at the time of purchase, but Mr. Flanigan broke it, prepared it for the reception of the seed, and lived thereon the remainder of his life, achieving no small distinction in his calling. After his advent here he entered into the spirit of the township, participated in its public affairs, rendering service of worth and value as assessor for several townships and became identified with the progress of the county. He was a democrat in his political views and a consistent member of the Catholic church, to which he gave liberal support. Three children were born to him and his wife: James Edward, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Catherine McQuillen, of Cascade; and Michael Bernard, the late mayor of Cascade.

James Edward Flanigan was born upon the farm which he now cultivates, April 25, 1845. On it he grew to manhood, being early initiated into the work that was carried on there and assisting his father even during the years he was a pupil at the district schools. He has always devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, choosing that as his vocation when he started out in life for himself. He has tilled the soil with great profit but is also interested in the stock business, feeding annually about one hundred head of cattle, seventy-five hogs and a number of horses. Spacious as is the homestead in Washington township, Mr. Flanigan also owns four hundred acres in Dubuque county. The hardihood of the early pioneers was the foundation upon which he has built his own success, which is the result of unswerving devotion to duty, even as it appeared in the guise of the small acts of daily life, of energy and hard work united with a capacity for seeing opportunities with a wonderful foresight. His has been a life of noble endeavor and of a well deserved requital, which has won the approbation of those who have watched his progress.

In February, 1876, Mr. Flanigan wedded Miss Ann Fagan, a daughter of Thomas Fagan. Ten children have been born to the couple, of whom the following are still living: Francis Bernard, born in February, 1877; Mary, in 1879; John J., in 1881; Thomas R., in 1883; James A., in 1885; Catherine A., in 1895; and Margaret L., born in 1898. The children were educated at the parochial school at Temple Hill, while two of the sons attended a Catholic college. John Joseph is a dentist in Illinois and Francis Bernard manages his father's farm in Dubuque county. He married Miss Ellen Laney, of Jackson county. Mary is the wife of Dr. Convery, of Temple Hill.

The family are members of the Catholic church, in whose support Mr. Flanigan is always liberal. He has consistently given his support in matters of politics to the democratic party, being convinced of the value of its principles, while he has himself played no inconsiderable part in the local government, for he has been township trustee, justice of the peace and a member of the school board, besides serving in other capacities of a minor character. In short he has proved himself to be a citizen in whom his fellowmen may place the highest confidence.

MICHAEL BERNARD FLANIGAN.

In the death of Michael Bernard Flanigan the citizens of Cascade not only lost a mayor who through three terms had guided the fortunes of the municipality along safe channels, but a man of fine character, many attainments, and of large success as the world counts the accumulation of acres and dollars. He was born in Washington township, Jones county, April 1, 1855, a son of Michael and Mary (Farrell) Flanigan, both natives of the Emerald isle. He grew to manhood upon the large farm the father had entered from the government before the close of the first half of the last century and for many years devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, for he and his brother, James Edward Flanigan, operated the old homestead in conjunction, until 1893, when he believed that larger opportunities awaited him elsewhere.

Accordingly, in that year he sold his interest to his brother and removed to Cascade, where he opened a butcher shop. This he conducted for some time, but he also became interested in land speculation. Years proved that he was possessed of unusual keenness in forecasting the rise in value of different tracts, for at his death he owned six hundred and forty acres in western land, mostly in Nebraska, which if placed upon the market would command a high figure. His operations also enabled him to secure considerable stock in the Cascade State Bank, of which he was a director and vice president. Having witnessed his success through a number of years and being convinced that his principles were of the highest order and that a progressive spirit inspired his actions, the citizens of Cascade became assured that they could confer no greater honor upon him in recognition of his achievements and at the same time place their destiny as a municipality in more able hands than by electing him mayor. He assumed the duties of his new office in 1906 and was serving his third term when he was so rudely summoned by death. During that time he was a leader in fact as well as in name, his influence was ever given in support of the best interests of those who had placed reliance upon his judgment: no question was too troublesome to receive his best thought; and no worthy undertaking failed of receiving his support and advocacy. The sound business methods which had marked his private life, were conspicuous in his administration of public duties, so that it may truthfully be said that the community was better for his short residence in it and that it lost a valuable citizen when he was taken away. He had also served as councilman for several years.

On the 26th of May, 1896, Mr. Flanigan wedded Miss Julia Supple, who was born November 22, 1867. Two of the sons born to them, Clement and Lester, died within eleven days of each other as the result of a severe attack of scarlet fever. The child who survives, Carl Joseph, was born January 20, 1905.

Mr. Flanigan affiliated politically with the democratic party, while his religious adherence was given to the Catholic faith. He was a devout member of St. Martin's church, being one of the prominent members of its congregation, for he was among the first to assist in the erection of the edifice and was always liberal in donations to its support.

JOHN A. BELKNAP.

John A. Belknap is closely and prominently associated with the manufacturing interests of Jones county as the owner and proprietor of the Boss Tile Spade Company and the spirit of enterprise which he manifests at all times together with his intelligent appreciation for and utilization of opportunities have been the salient features in his advancement since he entered this field of manufacture. He was born in Jones county, September 23, 1865, his parents being F. M. and Rhoda (Stevenson) Belknap, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They were early settlers of Jones county. The father arrived March 5, 1850, and became a factor in the early development of this section of the state. Here he married Miss Stevenson, who died on the 20th of April, 1870, at the age of thirty-



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two years. Later he married again, his second union being with Eliza Wagner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wagner, who were natives of Germany.

John A. Belknap was reared to manhood in the county of his nativity and at the usual age began his education in the public schools, continuing his studies until he was graduated from the high school of Anamosa. He attended Mount Vernon College and afterward pursued a commercial course at Davenport and thus qualified for the onerous duties of business life. He made his first venture in commercial fields in January, 1894, in company with his uncle and a brother, the firm name being Belknap Brothers and Company. They bought out Mr. Griffith's interests in a business which was conducted under the firm name of Huggins & Griffith, although Mr. Griffith was then the sole proprietor. The new firm began business with a small capital, manufacturing wagons, bob-sleds and tiling spades, and dealing in farm implements. On the 10th of April, 1902, a fire consumed the entire stock of farm implements, but the business was at once resumed and in 1906 the firm name of the Boss Tile Spade Company was assumed, successors to Belknap Brothers, manufacturers of Boss tile spades. On the 15th of March, 1906, John A. Belknap, having purchased the interest of his partner, became sole proprietor of what is now one of the most important manufacturing concerns of the county. The capacity of the plant has been steadily increasing and the business has been extended over a large territory, its sales covering North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon. The output of the house is of such excellent quality and the business methods of the owner so reliable that the trade has constantly increased and the enterprise is now proving a source of gratifying profit. Mr. Belknap was also one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank of Anamosa and is now serving on its board of directors, also a director of the Peoples Gas Company. His business judgment is sound, his insight keen and his enterprise unfaltering and thus he has wrought his success along honorable lines, winning him the respect and admiration of all.

On the 18th of May, 1893, Mr. Belknap was united in marriage to Miss Sylvia Sones, a daughter of G. W. and Margaret (Lockard) Sones, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The children of this marriage are Margaret Evelyn, Marion Ruth, but the last named died in infancy.

Mr. Belknap is known as an exemplary and popular representative of Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M. He also took the degrees of Capitular Masonry in the chapter and of Chivalric Masonry in the commandery and has filled various offices in the different branches of Masonry, including that of eminent commander. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the nobles of El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his political belief is evidenced in his support of and labor for the republican party. He served as chairman of the republican county central committee for two years and was elected to the same office for the second time. He was treasurer in 1908 of the republican county central committee and does all in his power to legitimately further the interests of the party, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, always approachable and interested in the questions which are of vital import to the

community or to the country at large. He has always lived in Jones county and the sterling traits of his character are well known to his fellow townsmen, the great majority of whom number him as a friend.

JOHN B. MOSES.

One of Jones county's native sons, John B. Moses has through hard work become one of her most prosperous farmers and largest stockmen. He was born in Scotch Grove township, November 6, 1854, and is a son of Charles B. and Catherine (Sutherland) Moses. The father was a native of Ohio and came to Iowa in 1851 as a young man. The mother, on the other hand, was born in Manitoba, but was only five years of age, when in 1837, her parents came to Iowa, locating in Scotch Grove township, Jones county. There the young people became acquainted and were married. After their union Charles B. Moses bought a farm in that township, to which he added from time to time until at his death he owned about four hundred and eighty acres. He followed agriculture as his life work and also engaged extensively in the breeding of fine horses, and his success contributed largely to the prosperity of Jones county. He was in the vanguard of progress, was one of the first men to buy a thresher, and was very active both in his own work and in public matters, being one of the dominant spirits in the organization of the first Jones county fair and a member of its board for years. In politics he was a whig, but when the republican party was organized he joined its ranks and added his voice and influence to the anti-slavery agitation. He did not live, however, to see his ideas and the justness of the cause he espoused come out victorious from the death struggle, but passed away in 1860. His wife still survives at the advanced age of seventy-five and makes her home in Center Junction.

John B. Moses was but five years of age when his father died and as he was the eldest of the three children the cares and responsibilities of the farm early fell upon his shoulders. He was permitted to obtain a good education, nevertheless, for after he completed the required work of the district schools he went to Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, remaining there three years. He then returned to the home farm, which he assisted his mother in conducting until he was twenty-four years of age, when he started in life for himself. He acquired first a small tract of land in Scotch Grove township. On this he lived and worked for about ten years and then removed to another farm in that township, which remained his home until the spring of 1907, when he removed to his present farm in Madison township, lying just on the outskirts of Center Junction. He still retains possession of his two other tracts, those in Scotch Grove township, and owns besides extensive tracts in different parts of the county. In addition to his farming interests he has engaged in the breeding and feeding of cattle, and each year sends from five to eight carloads of stock to the large markets. As he gives his whole attention to his work and has never spared an effort toward making his farm and stock the best in the section he has been

rewarded with the substantial income and has a reputation that is in itself a large financial asset.

In 1887 Mr. Moses wedded Miss Clara S. Hughes, of Scotch Grove township, this county, to them three children have been born: Charles B., John M. and Ethel A., all of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Moses are members of the Presbyterian church and the young people are being reared in that faith. Politically Mr. Moses gives his support to the republican party, and while not a politician in the sense of being a seeker for public recognition, in the years he was a resident of Scotch Grove township he served in the various local offices. The Center Junction lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows numbers him among its members, and he wears the badge of the Iowa Legion of Honor. A good citizen, a loyal friend and a man who knows how to attain that for which he seeks. Mr. Moses enjoys the esteem of all who have come into relation with him.

AUGUST E. CHRISTOPHERSEN.

August E. Christophersen, one of the prosperous farmers of Jones county, Iowa, and a man who has gained all he owns through the exercise of his natural faculties, is a good example of the best type of German-American. His birth occurred in Langenhorn, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, January 26, 1862, a son of Ingwer and Botille (Detlefson) Christophersen, both natives of that place, where the family had lived for several generations, although originally from Norway.

In 1881 the Christophersen family emigrated from Germany to Jones county, Iowa, where settlement was made upon a farm in Oxford township. Here they all began developing the land or working at trades, and endeavored to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the new home. They displayed the true German perseverance, industry and thrift which seem to characterize the people from the fatherland, and they steadily prospered. The death of the father occurred at Wyoming, Iowa, in 1881, when he was sixty-six years old. His widow still survives at the age of eighty-five years and lives south of Olin. There were seven children in this family, as follows; Nicholas, who passed away in Germany; Brodema, who married S. M. Lorenzen, of Jones county; August E.; John, who lives at Danbury, Iowa; and three who died in infancy.

Until he was nearly thirty, August E. Christophersen worked at the carpenter trade, but in 1891 he made a trip to his old home in Germany. In 1892 he began renting land, and after ten years bought his present farm of two hundred acres, located on sections 36, 35, 25 and 26, Hale township with his residence on section 36. The land is all in good condition and produces large crops. Nearly all of the improvements on the place have been made by Mr. Christophersen. He carries on general farming and stock raising and understands every detail of his work perfectly so that he is able to produce the best results.

It was while in Germany in 1891 that he married Julia Anna Brodersen, of Bordelum, Schleswig, Germany, who was born June 18, 1871, a daughter of Jacob Brodersen, who still lives in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Christophersen be-

came the parents of six children, all born in Jones county, Iowa, as follows: Matilda, Dora, Ingwer, Jacob, Anna and Albert. The last named died at the age of two years. Politically he has always supported the candidates and principles of the democratic party. His religious training was given him in the Lutheran church. Mr. Christophersen is a hard-working German of simple tastes, a born farmer and thoroughly reliable man in every respect.

ANTHONY SHIMERDA.

It is but fitting that the life record of Anthony Shimerda should have prominent mention in a history of Jones county, for he was numbered among its most successful farmers and business men, owning at the time of his death **seven hundred** acres of land. As the name indicates, he was born in Bohemia, December 19, 1836, a son of Joseph and Katherine Shimerda, who, on emigrating with their family to the new world in 1851, established their home in Jackson county, Iowa, they being the first of that race to locate in the county. Their family numbered five children, but only two survive, and both the parents are deceased.

Anthony Shimerda was a youth of fifteen years when the family came to America, so that his education was acquired in the schools of Bohemia ere he sought a home in the new world. He shared with the other members of the family in the privations incident to the establishing a home in a country, where the language, manners and customs of the people were foreign to them. He assisted his father in the work on the farm until he reached mature years, so that when he started out to make his own way in the world he was well fitted to meet all the responsibilities he had to face.

Mr. Shimerda was about twenty-two years of age, when, wishing to establish a home of his own, he chose as a companion for the journey of life, Miss Katherine Zabokstsky, their marriage being celebrated on the 22d of June, 1858. Mrs. Shimerda, like her husband, was born in Bohemia in 1837 and was a young maiden when in 1851 she accompanied her parents on their voyage across the Atlantic to the new world.

Having become established in their new home Mr. and Mrs. Shimerda at once began their domestic life in earnest and through energy and good management eventually acquired a large acreage. Mr. Shimerda devoting his attention to general farming throughout his entire business career. He possessed splendid business ability and this was the secret of his prosperity, so that at the time of his death, which occurred March 18, 1908, he left an estate of seven hundred acres to his family, this being located in Oxford township, and he likewise owned considerable stock in the Savings Bank at Oxford Junction.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shimerda were born the following named: Joseph, a resident of Howard, South Dakota; Anna, deceased; Anthony and John, both residents of Nebraska; Mary, the wife of Frank Heniak, of Jones county; Emma, who has departed this life; Henry and Frank, both residents of Oxford township; Charles, of Battle Creek, Iowa; Frances, the wife of Clifford Mc-

Mahan, a resident of Creston, Iowa; Elizabeth the wife of Frank Zinn; Edwin, who makes his home in Oxford township; and Freddie, who is deceased.

Mr. Shimerda gave his political support to the men and measures of democracy but was not an office seeker, avoiding publicity and preferring to live the quiet life of the farmer. He was a Catholic in religious faith. His purposes were ever kindly and his family mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father, while those who were associated with him either in business or social relations feel deeply the loss of an influential and highly respected citizen. Mrs. Shimerda, who is also a communicant of the Catholic church, occupies a nice residence in Oxford Junction, which she owns, and although she has disposed of a portion of her farm lands she still retains possession of two hundred acres and this supplies her with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. She has many friends in and around the village where she makes her home and all esteem her for her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

GEORGE DUSANEK.

Without any education, save that obtained through the hard lessons of experience, and knowing in his youth the privations of a life in which the bare necessities were not always easy of obtainment, George Dusanek has surmounted all the obstacles that lay in his path and has risen to a position of prosperity that might almost be envied were it not so evidently due to his own exertions alone. The agricultural instincts of his Bohemian race have found play on his farm in Madison township, and he is one of the well known farmers and stockmen of Jones county.

He was born in Bohemia, in November, 1859, and two years later his parents came to the United States to give their children the advantage of the better conditions of life here, but the father was not permitted to see the realization of his hopes for he died two years after his arrival in this land, leaving his wife to rear their family of seven children. Not having a father's protecting care and training, George Dusanek early was thrown upon his own resources and at the age of eight came to Wyoming township, Jones county, to make his home with a brother-in-law. For about ten years he lived with him and his family, though he worked as a farm hand during a portion of that time. At the age of seventeen he went to Canton, Iowa, where for three years he was employed in gristmills, and then returned to farm life, working for a man who paid him no wages. Upon the death of his employer, however, he was able to buy the farm on which he had been working. It was only sixty acres, but it was the beginning on which Mr. Dusanek has built the substantial fabric of his later success, and to which he has added from time to time until he has tripled its area. On this he has engaged largely in the raising and feeding of cattle, shipping one or two carloads of stock each year to the large markets, and has found that the land has richly repaid his toil.

In 1881 Mr. Dusanek was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kroulik, also a native of Bohemia, who was then living in Oxford. To the couple have been

born nine children, eight of whom survive. They are Joseph, Frank, Rudolph, George, Edward, Mary, Frances and Rosa. Joseph and George are farmers in Madison township. In the democratic platform Mr. Dusane has found expression of his own ideas as to the governing of a large and prosperous nation. He has not, however, given public and political matters much time, for his own concerns have imperatively demanded all his attention, if he were to achieve that position he was ambitious to attain. Faithful in his performance of tasks in his early years and unremitting in his labor since he has become a landholder, Mr. Dusane has every reason to believe that America is the land of opportunity. He regretted his lack of education, but by determination he has overcome this handicap, his position in the township indicates with what result.

MRS. CAROLINE SUTHERLAND.

Mrs. Caroline Sutherland, a well known and highly respected resident of Scotch Grove township, where she makes her home on a farm on section 28, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of September, 1842, a daughter of Robert and Mary Ann (Bell) Espy, both natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Jones county in 1851, where the father entered land in Scotch Grove township, and here their remaining days were spent. In their family were eight children of whom only three now survive. Mrs. Sutherland is the widow of John Sutherland, who passed away on the 8th of September, 1901.

John Sutherland was born in Canada, in March, 1818, and there the period of his boyhood and youth were passed. In 1837, when nineteen years of age, he came to Jones county with his parents, and here made his home until 1849. In that year, in company with two younger brothers, he started for the far west, traveling overland all of the way, and after arriving in California obtained employment in the gold mines of that state. He was thus employed until 1856, when he returned to Jones county, Iowa, and here continued to make his home until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Ninth Iowa Infantry as a member of Company D, serving for four years, during which time he was brave and valiant in the defense of his country. He was wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge and again at Vicksburg. His capable service was recognized in his promotion to first lieutenant, and later he was made captain, which rank he was holding when, in February, 1865, he was honorably discharged on account of sickness.

Again returning to Jones county he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 28, Scotch Grove township, where he continued to make his home up to the time of his death. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Caroline Espy, of this review, and unto them were born eight children, namely: John B., deceased; Thomas M., residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Charles R., a practicing attorney of Cedar Rapids; Catherine, deceased; Frank D., still at home; Margaret, engaged in teaching school; Anna D., the wife of Alfred Hanna, of Scotch Grove township; and John C., who is also married and makes his home in Martin, Tennessee.



JOHN SUTHERLAND

Mrs. Sutherland still resides on the home farm, which she is capably managing with the assistance of her son, manifesting in the conduct of her affairs much business ability and discernment. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of her life, while her husband was identified with the Masonic body, having attained the Knight Templar degree therein. Having resided within the borders of Jones county since the age of nine years, she is well known and figures prominently in the social circles of the community. A lady of domestic tastes, in her home life she has ever been a loving wife and mother and is recognized as a true friend and obliging neighbor, her excellent traits of character gaining for her unqualified respect and regard.

CHARLES E. WALSTON.

Some men seem born to success, being fitted for large enterprises and capable of bringing them to a profitable termination. Such men place the communities in which they live under heavy obligation, for they give employment to many, put money into circulation and through their example induce others to embark on similar business careers. Charles E. Walston, formerly of Hale, now of Rome, Iowa, has led a busy life and has been successful in his undertakings for he possesses those requisite attributes of industry, executive ability and foresight.

Mr. Walston was born in Hale township, Jones county, Iowa near the banks of the Wapsipinicon river in a log house, February 17, 1858, coming into the world under essentially pioneer conditions. He is a son of William and Sarah (Waite) Walston, natives of Pickaway county, Ohio, and Leeds, England, respectively. William Walston who was born December 12, 1829, passed away in Hale, Jones county, April 4, 1909. His widow, who was born August 3, 1833, was brought to Oxford township, Jones county, by her parents in 1851. There she was married August 12, 1852, and she still resides in this county, making her home at Wyoming with her son-in-law, S. A. First. She is a daughter of Robert Waite, who was born in England, September 5, 1795, and was there married July 9, 1815, to Elizabeth Midgeley.

In 1844 William Walston came to Oxford township, Jones county, with his parents and had the honor of being the first white man married in that township. He began entering forty acres of government land at a time, buying it at one and a quarter dollars per acre, until he owned one hundred and sixty acres, and he lived upon his farm until 1889, when he retired. He was drafted in 1862 and sent to St. Louis, but was then rejected owing to a crippled hand. The Methodist church of Hale found in him a hearty supporter, he being one of its charter members, and he helped to built the first church. From the formation of the republican party he was one of its stanch advocates.

Fourteen children were born to William Walston and wife, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Commodore Smith, of Texas; Mary Ellen, who married Andrew Schwab and died May 10, 1892; Charles E., of this review; William Henry, who lives in Guthrie county, Iowa; Esther M., who married William

T. Preston, of Iowa; George F. who lives in Kansas; John, who lives in Guthrie county, Iowa; Sarah E., who married S. A. First, of Wyoming township; Ida, who was born February 20, 1870, and died December 3, 1885; Alvah J., who was born September 1, 1871, and died September 27, 1904; Clarence T., who lives in Ida county, Iowa; Janette Rose, who married Anthony Gilmore, of Hale township; Luverna Alice, who married Allen Boudinot, of Davenport, Iowa; Grace L., who married Dr. R. E. Wright, of Bern, Kansas. These fourteen children all grew to maturity and for years gathered about the home table.

Charles E. Walston has spent his life in Jones county, with the exception of three years in Ida county. He went to that county when he was twenty-two years old, but found that he preferred his native place and so returned to Hale township. Here he engaged in farming until 1886, when he removed to the village of Hale and from 1886 to 1896 he was a stock buyer. He also conducted a general store with D. C. Merritt, under the firm name of Walston & Merritt for thirteen and one-half years, selling out in December, 1908. Mr. Walston is now an extensive dealer in real estate, making a specialty of farm lands. He himself owns five hundred and ninety-two acres and a half interest in five hundred and twenty-four acres in Jones county and about three thousand, one hundred and sixty in South Dakota. In this business he also operates with Mr. Merritt under the same name of Walston & Merritt. These two have conducted their land business for the past eight years, and have secured gratifying results, especially in their operations in Iowa and South Dakota farm lands. In November, 1909, he removed to Olin.

Mr. Walston was married January 18, 1883, to Mary Merritt, who was born in Rome township, Jones county, February 6, 1862, a daughter of J. J. Merritt, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. They have four children, as follows: Charles Lee, who was born December 6, 1883, and died May 30, 1886; Laura Janette, the wife of Charles L. Schafer, of Keystone, Iowa; Ward Jerome, born December 8, 1892, still at home; Blanche M., born in 1895. There is one grandchild, Neola Lucille Schafer, born May 14, 1908, the pet of the whole family.

Mr. Walston is a director of the First National Bank of Olin and has held that position since its organization. He belongs to the Methodist church and is a liberal supporter of its good work. Fraternally he belongs to lodge No. 200, A. F. & A. M., the Royal Neighbors and is a charter member of Hale Lodge, M. W. of A. He is without doubt one of the most representative citizens of his part of the county, and is a man of sterling integrity of character, whose position both socially and as a business man is unquestioned.

BEN AHRENSEN.

One of the representative German farmers of Madison township, who has proved the truth of the statement, believed in so implicitly by his brothers in the land of his birth, that the United States is a land of golden opportunities is Ben Ahrendsen. By his own exertions he has made success his possession and

has gained a substantial and respected place in the world. A native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, he was born March 4, 1859, and is the son of Lawrence R. and Christina (Peterson) Ahrendsen. After their son had been over here about four years the parents came to the United States. The mother has since passed away, but the father is still living and makes his home with his son.

Ben Ahrendsen received his education in the public schools of Germany before he came to this land. Arriving in the United States in 1882, he made his way almost immediately to the west, where he secured work as a farm hand in Clinton county, Iowa. He remained there about two years and then came to Jones county, continuing to work as an employe for three years, when he believed the time ripe to engage in farming on his own responsibility. In 1887 he rented a tract of land in this county, and there laid the foundation of the success that has attended his later efforts. For about nineteen years he lived there, and then in 1906 came to Madison township, where he purchased what was known as the A. N. Reade farm, a tract of eighty acres of rich land, well improved. This has been for the last six years his home and has afforded him ample opportunity to prove his skill as an agriculturist.

Mr. Ahrendsen has never married but a sister Louisa has lived with him and graced his home with the comforts that only a woman's presence can give. When he was given his papers making him a citizen of this republic, Mr. Ahrendsen straightway turned to the democratic party as his guide in the world of politics. He has since adhered steadfastly to its platform, which has seemed to him the better one for the government of the nation. Aside from casting his ballot at elections, Mr. Ahrendsen has not entered into public affairs, his life, however, by the example it sets of industry, thrift and good management, is sufficient warrant of the high character of his citizenship.

DON C. EASTERLY.

Among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Jones county whose well directed efforts and intelligently applied labor are meeting with gratifying success is Don C. Easterly. He was born in Rome township on the 7th of September, 1869, a son of Thomas W. and Martha J. (Rummel) Easterly, the former a well known and respected agriculturist of this township. Having spent his entire life upon the farm upon which he was born, Mr. Easterly of this review was reared to manhood amid the busy activities of rural life, and at the usual age became a pupil in the district schools. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the fields and there early laid the foundation stone for a future successful career. His educational training was supplemented by one term of study in a business college, but on account of his father's death, which occurred when he was fifteen years of age, he was compelled to leave school and assist in the conduct of the home farm. Upon attaining his majority he continued to devote himself to agricultural pursuits, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and that his choice was a good one is indicated in the gratifying degree of pros-

perity which he today enjoys. He has since concentrated his efforts upon the further cultivation and development of the homestead farm, where he has always made his home. It is a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, located in Rome township, and was originally owned by his paternal grandfather, who purchased it from the government. Under his wise management it has been brought under a good state of cultivation, the fields annually yielding rich harvests. He has made a close study of agriculture, practices rotation of crops and knows the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and is numbered among the progressive and successful farmers of the township. As he has prospered he has been able to invest his money to excellent advantage, and he is now a stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank of Olin. He is likewise one of the promoters of the first Farmers Mutual Telephone line in Rome township, and has cooperated in various other matters pertaining to the upbuilding and progress of the community.

It was on the 10th of March, 1892, at Olin, Iowa, that Mr. Easterly was united in marriage to Miss Ola A. Stuart, a daughter of J. A. and Sarah (White) Stuart. The former, who was a soldier in the Civil war, was born in Ohio in 1846, while the latter's birth occurred in Indiana in 1852. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Easterly have been born the following children: Arthur, now deceased; C. Noel; Nellie A.; Thomas Roscoe; Lois L.; and Dorothy L.

In his religious views Mr. Easterly is rather liberal, and although he has never identified himself with any special denomination, he has attended the United Brethren church from childhood, and the teachings of that church have served as a guiding influence in his life. Fraternally he has been a member of the Masonic body since May, 1904, and is a most exemplary member thereof, taking an active part in the affairs of that organization. Politically he has ever been stanch in his allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was township trustee from 1897 until 1907 and was school director for the year 1907, while he is at present acting as a member of the Olin Cemetery Association, in which office he has served since 1901. Public spirited in his citizenship, his devotion to the public good is unquestioned and arises from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. His career has ever been such as also to warrant the trust of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions according to the principles of honor and integrity, and he occupies a high place in public regard, enjoying in large measure the confidence of his fellowmen.

ADNEY COLEMAN.

Adney Coleman, deceased, who for many years was one of the representative farmers of Jones county and was one of the old settlers of Hale township, assisted very materially in its development and advancement. He was a man of broad charity and kindly spirit and made friends wherever he went, so that there were many to mourn his loss when he passed away January 9, 1897. He was

born near Lexington, Richland county, Ohio, June 2, 1827, a son of Nathaniel and Peggy Coleman, who had eleven children.

Hearing of the advantages offered by the rich Iowa lands, he came to this state in 1851 and, locating near Tipton, Cedar county, lived on a farm for thirteen years. He then spent a short time at Red Oak, after which he settled on a farm in Hale township, buying eighty acres of the one hundred and sixty acre farm he owned at the time of his death and was then operating. All his interests were centered in his farming and although he had begun with nothing, he died well-to-do owing to his industry, perseverance and thrift.

On April 11, 1851, Mr. Coleman married Sarah A. Simmons, who was to be his helpmate and the guiding star of his useful life. She was born in Butler, Richland county, Ohio, February 15, 1829, and she was brought to Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, by her parents, Richard and Mary (Myers) Simmons. They were natives of Richland county, Ohio, and died in Cedar county, Iowa. Mrs. Coleman was one in a family of eleven children. She and her husband also had a family of eleven children, as follows: Amanda S., who lives at Tacoma, Washington; Mary S., who married George Lane, of Olin; Lewis K., who died at the age of two years, Ida B., who married T. Gordon, of Olin; George W., who lives in Hale township; Nancy, who married A. A. Cole, attorney and editor; Adney Allen, who lives in Hale township; and Edward Lee of Stanwood, Cedar county, who is a twin of Adney; William R., who died at the age of seventeen years, in 1885; Franklin B., who died at the age of seventeen years, in 1886; and Minnie A., who married Irvin Hart, of Olin. Mrs. Coleman has resided in Olin since 1899, having disposed of the farm.

During a revival held at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church about twenty-five years before his death, Mr. Coleman became converted and soon thereafter joined that denomination and continued faithful to its creed until his demise. The funeral services were held in the United Brethren church in Olin, the Rev. A. B. Statton officiating, and the remains were interred in Olin cemetery. Mr. Statton was assisted by Rev. Nathan Potter and the services were very affecting. Although never aspiring to public office or high places, Mr. Coleman influenced many by his gentle personality and kindly love of his fellowman. He was devoted to his family, faithful to his church, always anxious to see his community progress, and few men were more missed than he when his accustomed place was made vacant by his death.

MRS. ADELL I. McKELVEY.

Mrs. Adell I. McKelvey, well known in Jones county, where she has many warm friends, is a native of Iowa, her birth having occurred in Jackson county in 1856. She was one of a family of four children born unto Dr. Z. G. and Irene S. (McDowell) Isbell, two of whom still survive. The parents were natives of New York and came to Iowa at an early date, both passing away in Jones county, the father in 1897 and the mother in 1900. Dr. Isbell arrived in Center Junction in 1870 when it was little more than a corn field, and here opened a

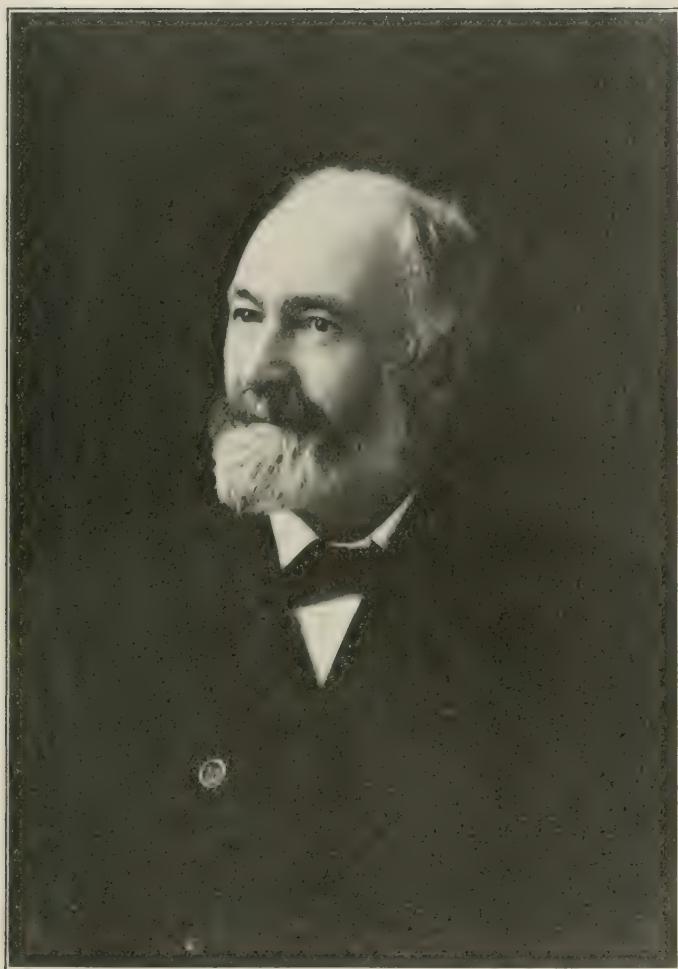
drug store which he conducted in connection with his practice, though he had retired from his profession to some extent. He filled the office of county coroner and also served as postmaster of Center Junction for eighteen years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, of which rank he was very proud, and was minister of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In 1877 Miss Adell Isbell gave her hand in marriage to Thomas McKelvey, who was born in Marion county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of November, 1844, a son of James and Eliza McKelvey, who were also natives of that state where they continued to make their home throughout life, passing away when their son was only ten years of age. He received a good common-school education in his native county and in Illinois, where he made his home for a time. He was only seventeen years of age when, actuated by a spirit of patriotism, he entered the Union army during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted for three years and during half of that time was in the infantry and was in the signal corps for a year and a half. Owing to illness he was later in the hospital as a patient. After the close of hostilities he went to Illinois, where he was engaged in teaching school for some time, and later he pursued a course of study in telegraphy. He then came to Center Junction and for ten years was employed as a telegrapher, at the expiration of which time he became identified with mercantile interests in the same place and was thus connected until the time of his death, which occurred on the 13th of January, 1886. Fraternally he was a Master Mason and was also a member of the United Workmen.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKelvey were born two children: George A., now residing in Texas; and Helena A., the wife of G. W. Dunham, of Iowa. Prior to her marriage Mrs. McKelvey had been a school and music teacher, accepting her first position as a school teacher when seventeen years of age, while at the age of sixteen years she became a teacher of music. After her husband's death she again took up her music and has been a teacher of that art ever since. She is a prominent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has just returned home from Florida, where for the past two years she has been engaged in missionary work. She is a lady of good business ability, who has capably managed her affairs since the death of her husband. Generous and kindly in disposition and charitable in her estimation of every one, she has gained a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances, and she now enjoys the respect and esteem of those with whom she has come in contact, while her many good deeds have endeared her to many.

JOHN ALOYSIUS GREEN.

John Aloysius Green's ancestry came from that ancient stock to which history refers as "The Lost Tribe of Dan," one body of the Israelitish nation that, with other tribes disappeared as commonwealths and communities on the dissolution of the government composed of twelve tribes. The tribe of Dan, according to



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the only clews afforded by history, went first to Egypt and from that country emigrated to Spain. A part of these people left Spain in ships made of willow and covered with the hides of oxen, and landed on the west coast of Ireland, where their descendants are still to be found, their blood unadulterated by that of any other race, although the Normans, Saxons and other peoples over-ran the island. Throughout its history in Ireland, where so many conflicts have raged, the race has been so strong that it never has been conquered. Its people did not intermarry with the members of the neighboring tribes and can still be readily distinguished from their fellow countrymen.

Michael Green was born about 1695; his son, Denis Green, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1742 and died at the age of ninety-nine years. His second wife was Honor Lennon, and their third child, John, was born about 1800. He married Bridget Kenny, and their fifth child was John Aloysius. Bridget was the daughter of Patrick Kenny, son of Peter and Mary Canfield-Kenny. Patrick married Margaret Fallon for a second wife, and Bridget was their oldest child.

John Aloysius Green was born in the parish of Moore, County Roscommon, Ireland, December 10, 1844. His parents were John Green and Bridget (Kenny) Green, farmers, as were their parents before them, the family having resided for generations in the parish of Moore. Mr. Green came to Boston, Massachusetts, September 2, 1852, and attended the common schools of that city. In 1860 he learned the monumental trade and worked at it for ten years. Later he worked in granite, sandstone and last of all limestone.

Mr. Green came west in 1865, living for a time in Joliet, Illinois. In 1867 he worked at the Rock Island arsenal as a stone-cutter, and in the same year he went to Wyoming, where he cut stone for Union Pacific bridges, forty miles west of Cheyenne. He returned to Joliet in the winter of the same year. March 17, 1868, found him at his present location, then a lonely spot in the wilderness, now the site of Stone City, a prosperous community that has added great wealth to the state and to Jones county, built, as its name indicates, on the business inaugurated by Mr. Green when he opened the Champion quarries that are still in operation. He bestowed its name upon the place that will stand as a monument to his foresight and industry.

In 1875 he married Ellen Green, of Joliet, Illinois, and to them were born a large family—Mary, Anna, Joseph, Ellen and James, twins, Leo, Rose, Agnes, Robert and Josephine, five of whom are living. They are Anna, now Mrs. Charles M. Cruikshank, John, Agnes, Robert and Josephine.

In addition to the Champion quarries, Mr. Green opened a quarry on the Buffalo river, worked the old state quarry on the Wapsipinicon for a time, a quarry at Wasioja, Minnesota, and one at Shuster, Missouri.

He was the first in the United States to employ hydraulic power for striping quarries, and he was also the first to load large holes with several hundred pounds of black powder, to shake the hills and loosen thousands of tons of stone at one blast. Mr. Green owns a masons' material and supply yard at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, known as the Iowa Stone Company, and a sand pump in the same city, in the Cedar river. In this business of dredging sand for building purposes, an industry that has reached enormous proportions, he was a pioneer. He owns

a large stock farm, where he has raised many fine horses, cattle, sheep and goats. His Iowa acres number more than one thousand.

Mr. Green has always been a democrat and so has sought little political preferment. The first political office held by him was that of township trustee, in 1873. In 1892, he was forced into the senatorial contest and was elected to the Iowa senate from the twenty-fourth senatorial district, a republican division comprising Jones and Cedar counties. He was an unsuccessful candidate for congressional honors in 1904, receiving, however, two thousand, seven hundred and sixty more votes than were given for the head of his ticket in the fifth congressional district of Iowa. At the age of sixty-five years he is still strong and hearty and actively engaged in business.

His biographer is loath to leave the subject of his sketch with the mere mention of material successes, that attest only the quality of his industry and illustrate the excellence of judgment. In all things, in every transaction, in every connection, Mr. Green as boy, youth and man, has held close to his high ideals, has kept his manhood and strengthened his belief. The world knows him as an example of integrity, as one who has made a success in life above the material success, which has been greater than that rewarding most men for their activities. He is a most pleasant companion, a man who appreciates the best in art and literature, a wide and intelligent traveler, and a progressive citizen along all lines.

FRANK F. SHIMERDA.

Possessing the thrift and energy so characteristic of the foreign race, Frank F. Shimerda is one of the representative young farmers of Jones county, owning five hundred and thirty-five acres of land in Jones and Cedar counties. He was born on the home farm in Oxford township, May 22, 1873, a son of Antone and Katherine Shimerda, both of whom were natives of Bohemia, the father emigrating to the United States when he was a youth of seventeen years. He followed farming in Oxford township for many years, or until five years prior to his death, which occurred March 18, 1908. He is still survived by his widow, who at the age of sixty-eight years makes her home in Oxford Junction. Mr. and Mrs. Shimerda had a family of thirteen children, but three of the number are deceased.

Frank F. Shimerda at the usual age entered the common schools, wherein he mastered the branches of learning taught in such institutions. He gave his father the benefit of his services until he attained his majority and he and a brother then rented land, operating three hundred acres and in addition he raised and fed stock, which he shipped to the city markets. In due time the brothers divided their interests and Mr. Shimerda of this review purchased two hundred and fourteen acres on section 31, Oxford township. Three years later he bought two hundred and thirteen acres in Ida county, Iowa, which he held for a year and after disposing of that tract purchased two hundred and sixty-five acres in Cedar county, this state, and two years later he purchased fifty-six acres in Cedar county, just across the border from Jones county, so that his land

practically lies in one body and consists of five hundred and thirty-five acres. He follows general farming but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, following this business on quite an extensive scale. He keeps his land in tillable condition through the rotation of crops, while he uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors. He also owns a residence property in Oxford Junction.

Mr. Shimerda was married to Miss Emma C. Sokol, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, a daughter of F. J. and Anna Sokol, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Their union has been blessed with one son, George F. Shimerda, who was born January 19, 1899. Mr. Shimerda affiliates with the republican party but his extensive farming and stock-raising interests give him little time for participation in public affairs. His fraternal relations connect him with Masonic lodge, No. 435, at Oxford Junction, while both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He possesses a character that makes him strong, forceful, determined and aggressive and in this lies the secret of his success.

WILLIAM SHAFFER.

William Shaffer, an enterprising agriculturist of Hale township, Jones county, was born in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 2d of April, 1851, a son of David and Eliza (Samons) Shaffer, both natives of Pennsylvania. In the Keystone state the parents were reared and married and later removed to Morgan county, Ohio, where they were living at the time of the Civil war. The father enlisted in the Union army from that county and died in 1863 at Columbus, Ohio, while still serving as a soldier. Three years later, in 1866, the widowed mother took her family to southern Illinois, where they resided for three years, and then removal was made to Scott county, Iowa, the home being there maintained for twelve or fourteen years. About eight years ago the family arrived in Jones county, where the mother passed away in 1906, having reached the eightieth milestone of life's journey. Her family consisted of eight children, namely: Cornelius, residing near Perry, Iowa; William, of this review; Charles, who died while serving in the Spanish-American war, in which he enlisted as a soldier from Nebraska; James, of Oklahoma; Fremont; Elmer, making his home in Montana; Evelyn, the wife of Thomas Allison, of Nebraska; and Isabelle, now Mrs. John Allison, also residing in Nebraska.

Although a lad of but twelve years of age at the time of his father's demise, William Shaffer faced the necessity of assisting in the support of his mother and the other members of the family, willingly taking upon himself a large share of the work of the home farm. As the years passed and his strength increased he aided more largely in the work of the fields, thereby gaining excellent and comprehensive training in agricultural pursuits that proved of value to him when later he entered business life on his own account. Upon attaining his majority he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared and he has since devoted his energies to farming, in which his

efforts have met with gratifying success. With the passing of the years he became the owner of a tract of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 8, Hale township, and this farm, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, became one of the valuable farming properties in the locality. He recently sold this place for ninety-five dollars per acre and expects to invest elsewhere in the county.

In 1877 Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Conrow, who was born in Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1857, a daughter of Liscombe Conrow, and unto this union were born the following children: Minnie, the wife of Charles Leggett, residing near Center Junction, Jones county; Wilber, living in Clarence, Iowa; Elsie, who wedded Harry Hammond and makes her home near Clarence; and Maude, who still resides at home. Dependent upon his own resources at a very early age, starting out in his business career without any favoring advantages, Mr. Shaffer has worked his way upward by earnest, diligent labor and he now enjoys a gratifying prosperity that has come to him as the reward of his industry, perseverance and well directed efforts. He has become widely known during his residence in this community, and his excellent traits of character have gained for him the respect and regard of his fellowmen.

WALKER D. HART.

Walker D. Hart, a member of the Olin Lumber Company, of Olin, Iowa, is one of the representative men of the county, and is associated in business with Hans Jurgensen and his son, Fred Jurgensen, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Hart was born in Fremont township, Cedar county, Iowa, near Mechanicsville, March 28, 1870, son of Lewis and Lucy A. (Sefton) Hart, natives of Michigan and Ontario, Canada, respectively. They were married in Illinois and later came to Cedar county, Iowa, where the mother died June 5, 1905, aged sixty-five, having been born in 1840. The father, who survives her and is living at Stanwood, was born in 1837. They had six children: Thomas, who died at the age of three years; Nettie, who passed away when six months old; Ellen, who died in 1901; Horace, who lives in Cedar county; Walker D., of this review; Wallace, who is also a resident of Cedar county. Walker and Wallace are twins. Ellen married first Ernest C. Chase and afterward became the wife of James Elmer Moore.

Walker D. Hart resided in Cedar county until the spring of 1893, when he came to Jones county, locating on a farm of eighty acres in Rome township, south of Olin. Later he added to it until he had one hundred and twenty acres on section 35, which he improved until it is now worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Here he resided until December, 1908, when he removed to Olin and entered the Olin Lumber Company, January 1, 1909. The company owns two yards and controls the lumber business of the locality. The three partners form a strong firm, each member being specially fitted for the duties assigned to him, and the volume of their trade is steadily increasing.

In 1891 Mr. Hart married Ellen E. Coppess, who was born in December, 1869, a daughter of Harvey Coppess. She was brought to Jones county when two years old. Mr. Hart is a republican but has not taken any active part in politics. He is a member of the Reformed church, and fraternally he is connected with Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., of Olin, and the consistory at Clinton, Iowa. He is an excellent farmer and solid, reliable business man whose aim is to faithfully discharge any obligation he assumes. Although a new resident of Olin he has convinced the people here of his sincerity and has many friends, some of whom he had gained before settling within the city limits.

MARTIN MAREK.

Martin Marek, who owns considerable valuable farming property in Cass township, Jones county, has engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, and his industry, perseverance and well directed efforts are meeting with most gratifying success. He was born in Bolder township, Linn county, on the Jones county line, on the 24th of December, 1863, his birth occurring in a sod house on the prairie about three quarters of a mile from his present home. His parents were Martin and Anna (Machart) Marek, both natives of Bohemia. The father came to America in 1853, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he resided for about eight years. During this period he lost his wife, who passed away about two weeks after their arrival in that city, leaving one child, Mike Marek, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. His union with Miss Machart was blessed with three sons, namely: Charles, who went west nineteen years ago and who is doubtless now deceased, as nothing has been heard from him for about sixteen years; John, a prosperous farmer of Castle Grove township; and Martin, of this review. The father passed away in 1906 and since his demise the mother has made her home with our subject.

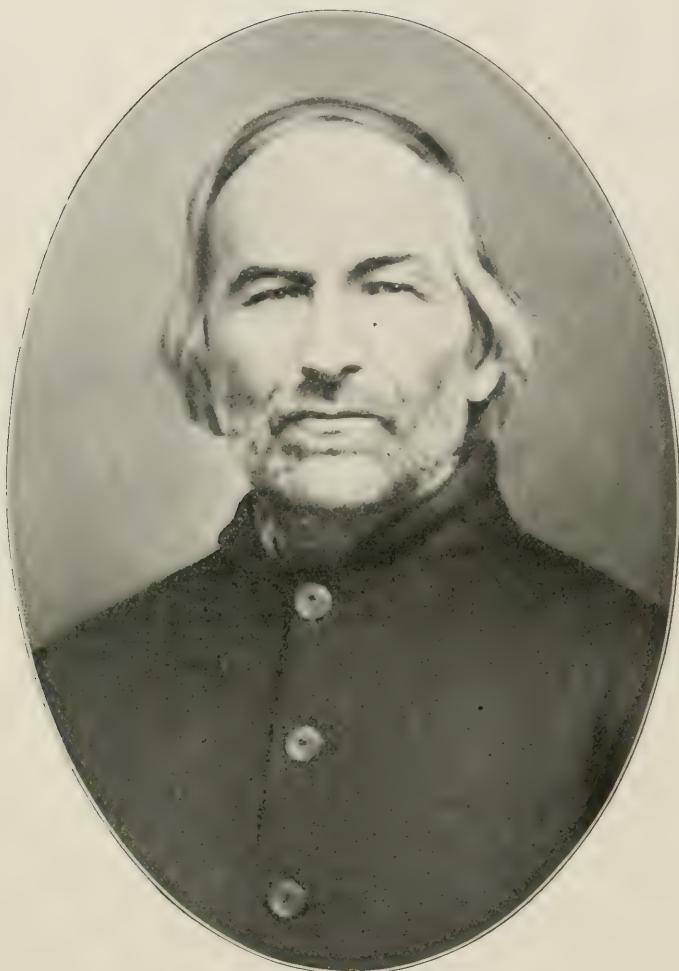
Martin Marek, whose name initiates this review, spent the first ten years of his life on his father's farm in Bolder township, Linn county, and then the parents moved across the line into Castle Grove township, Jones county, and within the borders of this county he has since continued to make his home. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage in 1883, when he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account, having gained thorough and practical training along that line during the period of his residence upon the home farm, under his father's direction. He purchased a tract of one hundred and eight acres of land in Cass township, which constitutes a part of his present farm, at a purchase price of twenty-seven dollars per acre. About 1900 he bought adjoining property so that his home farm now consists of one hundred and sixty acres. Later he invested in additional property and his entire holdings amount to two hundred and fifty-six acres in two adjoining farms, each equipped with a set of buildings and each under a high state of cultivation. In connection with his general farming pursuits he engages to some extent in stock-raising

and also milks nineteen cows, selling cream to the creamery at Anamosa. He possesses excellent business ability, is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and has made for himself a creditable place among the substantial and representative farmers of the township.

Mr. Marek was united in marriage on the 8th of January, 1883, to Miss Rose Holub, a native of Iowa City, born on the 19th of March, 1864. She is a daughter of Frank and Kate (Berry) Holub, natives of Bohemia, who passed away in this country. Unto this union have been born twelve children, namely: Mary, the wife of Henry Evans of Castle Grove township; Rose, who wedded John Fosek, of Osceola county, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Thomas Fosek, a brother of John Fosek, also residing in Osceola county; Frances, Mike, Kate, John, Joseph, Frank, Helen and Lizzie, all still under the paternal roof; and Tillie, who passed away in infancy. The family are communicants of the Catholic church of Prairieburg and in politics Mr. Marek gives stalwart support to the republican party. He filled the office of constable for two years, but otherwise has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his own business affairs, which, carefully and wisely managed, are proving a source of a most gratifying success. He has always stood for all that is progressive in citizenship and which tends to promote the material welfare of the community, and his labors have been a source of benefit to the community in which he has resided, at the same time bringing to him a substantial reward of earnest effort.

JACKSON BUMGARNER.

Jackson Bumgarner, whose success as a farmer is the result of the exercise of the virtues of honesty, sincerity, energy and frugality, which when combined in one nature works toward gratifying recompenses, was born in Hale township, Jones county, Iowa, January 8, 1858, being a son of Joseph and Eliza (Green) Bumgarner, the former of whom was born in Virginia in 1812, and the latter in Indiana. The parents were married in Indiana and came to Iowa in 1844, as pioneers, making the trip in the covered wagon which has been so often written of in song and story. Reaching their destination, this worthy couple settled near Pleasant Hill, Hale township, and spent the remainder of their lives upon the farm they secured and developed from the wilderness. Mr. Bumgarner died on the farm in 1892, going to join his wife, who had passed away in 1866 when sixty-nine years of age. They had a family of **thirteen** children, as follows: Rebecca, who is the widow of John Cole and a resident of Olin; Mary, who married Robert Porter, of Pottawattamie county; Rhoda, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Henry Robinson; Sarah, the deceased wife of Nathan Glick; Jane, who was the widow of Thomas Porter and is now married to a Mr. Parker, of Perry, Iowa; Belinda, who married William Porter and died in 1908; Anna, who married Henry Foulk, of Colorado; Hannah, the deceased wife of James Collins; Martha, who married Herbert Magee, of California; Jackson, the subject of this review; Edward, who lives in Idaho; and George, who lives in Nebraska. All were married except Rhoda.



JOSEPH BUMGARNER

Jackson Bumgarner remained with his parents until his marriage, when he started to farm for himself. He spent eight years in Cedar county, near the county line, but with that exception has lived in Jones county all his life. In 1901 he bought one hundred and seventy acres of his present farm, to which he has added until he now owns two hundred and forty acres on sections 36 and 25, Hale township. This farm is well improved and he is satisfied with what he has accomplished, although ambitious for the future.

On November 25, 1879, Mr. Bumgarner married Elmira Maria Reamer, who was born in Hale township, April 22, 1861, a daughter of Ralph and Clarissa Polma (Brink) Reamer. The father was born April 24, 1835, in New York, while the mother was born May 3, 1832, in Pennsylvania. Mr. Reamer came of a large family. He learned shoemaking and worked at his trade for fourteen years before coming to Iowa, and for eighteen years after his arrival here. He is now residing in Oxford Mills. He was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife January 22, 1898. They had two children: Cicely, deceased, who married C. K. Shaw, and Mrs. Bumgarner, who is the wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Bumgarner became the parents of nine children, as follows: Arthur J., who died when five years old; Nellie Ann, who married Eugene Griffis, of Hale township; Clarissa P., who died at the age of nineteen years; Mary Annette, who is at home; Fannie, who died in infancy; Ralph Reamer, who is at home, as are Elsie May, Abbie Caroline and Grace H.

Mr. Bumgarner is a republican. His religious faith makes him a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, and he is liberal in his support of it. His energies have been directed toward the development of his farm, and his inclinations are toward a quiet, home life. The Bumgarner home is often the scene of pleasant gatherings, the friends of the family enjoying the cordial hospitality always proffered by the kindly host and hostess.

FRANK PORTER.

Frank Porter, one of the thrifty farmers of Jackson township, who owns one of the finest farms in his part of Jones county, comes of a pioneer family and has experienced many of the hardships and privations connected with the life of the early settlers anywhere. He was born in Jackson township, May 8, 1864, a son of Matthew and Almyra (Arnold) Porter, natives of Licking county, Ohio. They were married there, and about 1850 came to Jones county and settled in Jackson township, buying the present home of their son Frank when he was six years old. This they occupied until 1893, when our subject bought it, and they retired to Anamosa. It was in that city that they both passed away, the father in 1899, when seventy-two years of age, and the mother in 1904 when seventy-seven years old. Matthew Porter had two hundred acres of land which represented his life of hard work. The children born to him and his wife were: Jane, who married C. P. Atwood of Anamosa; Andrew, who lives at Center Junction; John, who died in Cherokee county, Iowa, in 1884 when thirty-three years old; Louis, who lives in Cherokee county, Iowa; Olive, who

married David Kramer, sheriff of McHenry county, North Dakota; Frank, who was the sixth in order of birth; and Clara, who married Delbert Meeks, of South Dakota.

Frank Porter has spent his life in Jackson township with the exception of two years, when he lived in Cherokee county, Iowa, before he was married. In 1893 he bought his father's homestead of two hundred acres, and in 1906 he bought one hundred acres adjoining. His farm is a magnificent one with fine buildings and other improvements, all of which have been placed here by Mr. Porter. The farm lies on section 15, Jackson township, with the exception of twenty acres on section 10. He feeds about three carloads of stock annually and carries on general farming. His hogs aggregate about one hundred and twenty-five head annually, and he milks fifteen cows. About eighty-five acres of his farm is devoted to corn.

Mr. Porter is a republican and is at present township trustee, now in his seventh year in that office. On April 3, 1889, he married Lottie James, who was born in Jackson township, February 23, 1869, a daughter of Walter and Mary (Sherman) James, who reside in Wyoming, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have five children: Eugene, Floyd, Lula, Stella and Elda. While eminently successful in his business, Mr. Porter has held progressive views of life and keeps well posted on current events. He takes a deep interest in politics, although in no sense a politician, and can be depended upon to do all in his power to advance the welfare of his community.

JOHN DENNISON.

John Dennison, who enjoys the reputation of having one of the neatest farms in Jones county and who has been prominent in the affairs of Clay township for more than thirty years, was born in Ireland, November 12, 1833. His parents, John and Mary (Orr) Dennison, were also natives of the Emerald isle, which remained their home until their death. Ten children were born to them, six of whom are living: Martha, who is the widow of Alex Campbell and lives in Clay township; John, the subject of this sketch; Mary, who is the widow of William Neelans and lives in Clay township; George, who remained in Ireland; Sarah, who is a widow and lives in Ireland; and Margaret, who is also a widow in her native land.

John Dennison came to America in 1851, when he was about seventeen years of age. He had received some education in the land of his birth and after his arrival on the shores of this country he devoted himself solely to the work of procuring a livelihood and of bettering his condition. First he lived in Connecticut and then went to Minnesota, which he was compelled to leave on account of the cholera. Next he came to Iowa, locating in Dubuque first and then, on May 28, 1852, coming to Jones county. The following February he entered eighty acres of government land in Clay township, not taking up his residence upon it, however, until 1857. Nine years later he bought two hundred acres adjoining his first farm and, moving to that, made it his home until 1908, when

he sold it, purchasing instead the seventy-six acres on which he is living at present. Part of this is within the corporate limits of the village of Onslow, but it is a good tract of land, which with the inborn skill of a successful agriculturist Mr. Dennison has made one of the most fertile tracts in his locality, while the orderly appearance of his fields and the excellent condition of his buildings have secured for it an enviable reputation among farms of even larger size in Clay township and beyond its borders. Mr. Dennison also owns one hundred and forty acres in Clay township, one hundred and twenty of which he rents and the other twenty is timber land.

In 1869 Mr. Dennison married Miss Mathilda Campbell, who was born in Ireland in 1848 and came to America at the age of twenty, making her home in Jackson county, Iowa. Ten children have been born to them: John, Jr., who is living in Los Angeles, California; Agnes, who is the wife of John Canada, of Clay township; Mary M., who married Harbison Orr, of the same township; Elizabeth M., who is the wife of John McAlister, of Delaware county, Iowa; Anna L., who is the wife of J. G. Boomhour, professor in a school of North Carolina; William M., who lives in Dallas county, Iowa; Jackson B., at home; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennison are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and he has given stanch support to the democratic party in political matters. He has filled a large place in local affairs, for during a period of twenty-five years he has served intermittently as township assessor; has been a member of the school board for twenty-one years; and for the past thirty years has acted as the justice of the peace. Successful in his calling and punctilious in the performance of his official duties, he has wielded a strong influence for good and improvement during the years he has been a resident of Jones county.

L. HODGDEN.

L. Hodgden has derived through the cultivation of the rich soil of Iowa the competence that now finds him in possession of an extensive acreage, while he is enabled to live retired in a nice home in Oxford Mills. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, May 26, 1847, a son of William and Olive (Harris) Hodgden, the former also a native of the Buckeye state, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania. The father passed away in the former state, and subsequently the mother and son removed in 1863 to Iowa, making their home in Cedar county for three years. In 1866 they took up their abode in Jones county, and here the mother's death occurred, leaving L. Hodgden, the only surviving member of the family.

L. Hodgden was reared in Ohio to the age of sixteen years and in the schools of Delaware county acquired his education. When he located in Cedar county he operated rented land but when he came to Jones county in 1866 he purchased forty acres in Oxford township, to which he later added an additional forty-acre tract. Taking up his abode thereon he began the further development and improvement of the place and as time passed he extended its boundaries until

he now owns two hundred and eighty acres in Oxford township. For the past few years he has lived retired in Oxford Mills, owning a fine residence, which is surrounded by eight acres of ground, and practically the only business care he now assumes is looking after the rental of his farm.

Mr. Hodgden was married in Iowa to Miss Catherine Rogers, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Chauncey and Nancy Rogers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hodgden have been born six children: Clara, the wife of Henry Batcheller, of Jones county; Amos, also of Jones county; Chauncey and Vernon, who live in Oxford township; and two deceased.

Mr. Hodgden is a democrat in his political views and for many years has served as a member of the school board, taking a deep interest in a good school system. His thorough understanding of agriculture enabled him to carry on his work on a profitable basis. Coming to Iowa a young man in his teens and with limited means, he has risen to a substantial place among the prosperous citizens of this section of Jones county, where he has made his home for forty-three years. During this time he has formed a large acquaintance and his many friends esteem him for his worth and his many good traits of heart and mind.

FREDERICK F. HANSEN.

The industry and frugality which are strong characteristics of the German race have been the means of Frederick F. Hansen's success as an agriculturist. He came to the United States when a young man, but he was poor and had to prove to himself that America is a land of opportunities. A native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, he was born November 3, 1844. His parents, Paul and Mary (Patterson) Hansen, were also natives of the same province, which remained their home throughout their lives.

As the father was a teacher, Frederick F. Hansen received a good education, not only in the public schools of a land famous for its educational advantages but also in a home where he had exceptional opportunities for study and advancement. When approaching manhood he engaged in farm work and then in the spring of 1873 came to this country. He landed at New York on the 1st of May and came directly west to Iowa. In Clinton county he found employment as a farm hand and after four years' experience there, came to Jones county in 1877. The following year, however, he went to the western coast, spending one year in California and Oregon, where he sought to find a permanent location, but, as the country was not to his liking, he returned to Jones county in 1879 and in 1880 he embarked in agricultural pursuits for himself. For three years he and his brother Paul farmed in partnership in the vicinity of Olin and then Frederick Hansen married and, having severed his connections with his brother, rented a tract of land south of Olin, on which he worked as a tenant until 1904. During that period, however, in the year 1896, he had taken a lease for eight years on the farm which he now owns and in 1904 purchased it. It embraces two hundred and seventy-seven acres lying on section 2, Madison township, and is one of the finely improved tracts in the locality. Mr. Hansen has erected

upon it many modern and substantial buildings, his residence, built in 1907, being furnished with all the conveniences which a householder may enjoy today. He has pursued general farming, which has brought him a pronounced success.

In 1883 Mr. Hansen wedded Miss Wilhelmina Utka, of Madison township. She was, however, of German birth and had come to this country in 1880. Six children have been born of their union: Mary, who was a clerk in Onslow; August, who is living in the state of Washington; and Paul, William, Fritzie and Minnie, who are at home.

After he was admitted to citizenship in this republic Mr. Hansen allied himself with the democratic party and has since been loyal in its support. He has taken little part in public matters, however, although he has been a member of the school board almost continuously since he became a property holder in Madison township for he has the desire to see the educational institutions here attain a high standard. In religious matters he and his wife give their support to the Lutheran church. Gratifying to himself as his success must be, his life and work are an example to others in his vicinity who share in his prosperity and in the reputation for agricultural advancement which the township enjoys.

STEPHEN WALSWORTH.

In the history of Jones county no man deserves more prominent mention among its representative citizens than does Stephen Walsworth, who has worked his way up from a life of obscurity to become one of the largest landowners of this section of Iowa, for his possessions today aggregate seven hundred and twenty-five acres. He is a native of the Empire state, born in Chenango county, June 8, 1830, a son of William and Elizabeth (Tracy) Walsworth. The father was born April 4, 1786, and passed away on the 23d of August, 1878, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-two years. The mother who was born January 22, 1791, died September 5, 1848, when in her sixty-seventh year. Their family numbered seven children but only two are now living, Philo and Stephen of this review. In order of birth they are: Esther, Susannah, Lydia, Elisha, Elijah, Stephen and Philo.

Stephen Walsworth was reared under the parental roof until he reached the age of eleven years, when he went to live with a stranger, with whom he remained until he was nineteen years of age, and during this period his education was acquired in the common schools. At the latter period in his life he started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand for seven and a half years. Through reports which came to him concerning the opportunities offered to the young man in the then far west, he became convinced that he could more quickly acquire a competence in such a district, and accordingly in the fall of 1855 made his way to Jones county, where he operated rented land for one year. He then bought forty acres of land, which he improved and later added a tract of ninety acres, making his home thereon for several years. He then disposed of that land and took up his abode on a farm on section 36, Scotch Grove township, continuing to operate the same until 1902. He then purchased

his farm of two hundred and fifty-five acres, located in Scotch Grove township, where he now makes his home. He also owns other farm land in Jones county, having altogether seven hundred and twenty-five acres in Scotch Grove and Clay townships. For the past forty-five years he has engaged quite extensively in feeding stock and this branch of his business has brought him very gratifying success, so that today he is classed among the representative and wealthy men of this section of Iowa.

Mr. Walsworth was married January 1, 1857, to Miss Wealthy Baldwin, who was born in Ohio. Their union was blessed with six children, but the eldest, Sarah E., is now deceased. The living members are: Florence M., the wife of Philip Williams, a resident of Onslow; Charles A., who operates the home farm; William F., who makes his home in Huron, South Dakota; Esther Ann, the wife of Joseph Tracy, of Scotch Grove township; and Lydia, the wife of John Tracy, their home being in New York. The wife and mother departed this life September 7, 1905, and her remains were interred in South Mineral cemetery.

Mr. Walsworth is a republican in his political affiliations but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his time to his extensive business interests. He is, however, at the present writing serving as road supervisor. He is truly a self-made man, for he started out in life at an early age, without capital and with but a limited education. However, he had the foresight to determine the opportunities of the west and in this region bent his energies to the accumulation of a competency. Today the result of his effort is seen in his large farms covering seven hundred and twenty-five acres, and yet, surrounded with wealth and comfort, he stands in the same relation to his fellowmen as he did when battling with life's strenuous problems. The ideals of men like Mr. Walsworth, their personality, the history of their lives, and their profound sense of integrity could be made the text of a lesson from which the young men of today could study success. .

MATHEW JOHN McNEILLY.

Thrift, energy and determination have constituted the basis of success in the life of Mathew John McNeilly, who owns and operates a valuable farm of two hundred acres located on section 1, Jackson township. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Dubuque, on the 17th of January, 1859, and is a son of James and Anna (Smith) McNeilly, both natives of Ireland.

The father, who was born in Ballyrooney, County Down, on the 1st of September, 1835, spent the years of his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity and when a young man of seventeen years came to America, landing in Boston, where he remained for some time. During his residence in that city he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Smith, who was born October 2, 1833, in County Down, Ireland, but was reared in Scotland. The eldest of four children, when but ten years old she was left an orphan, and at the age of eighteen years brought her brother, John M. Smith, to America. By her marriage to Mr. McNeilly she became the mother of three children, namely: Mathew John, of



FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE McNEILLY FAMILY

this review; May, the wife of James F. Livingston of Madison township; and W. Frank McNeilly, of Jackson township, mention of whom is made in the following sketch. About 1860, Mr. McNeilly and wife came west, locating in St. Louis, where they resided for a year or two, and then took up their abode in Jackson county, Iowa, where they made their home for about nineteen years. The year 1882 witnessed their arrival in Jones county, settlement being made upon a farm in Jackson township, which is known as the James McNeilly place and is now the property of their son Frank McNeilly. Here Mr. McNeilly was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the ensuing years until 1896, and during this period became well known throughout the community in which he resided as an enterprising, progressive and successful farmer. In fact his success was of such a nature that in the year mentioned he was able to withdraw from the active duties of life and during the remainder of his life enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He left the farm and removed to Center Junction, where his remaining days were spent.

On the 10th of April, 1901, James McNeilly was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose death was a matter of regret not only to the bereaved family but also to a large circle of friends, for she was ever a most loving wife and mother and a true friend and neighbor. For many years his own health had been failing and on the 28th of June, 1908, as the result of a very brief but severe attack of pneumonia, he also passed to his final rest, his death coming as a shock to his family and his many friends. Early in life he had become a Christian and for many years was identified with the Presbyterian church, serving as an elder therein for ten years and also being an active and helpful worker in the Sabbath-school. His was a most honorable record and with his passing the community lost one of its most valued and representative citizens. Something of the regard entertained for him by his fellowmen is indicated in the following paragraph taken from a local newspaper at the time of his demise: "Wherever he is known the name of James McNeilly is synonymous with all that is upright and true. He leaves to his children and their children the legacy of an unimpeachable character and upright life." Of a poetical turn of mind, he was the author of many verses and often wrote poems to commemorate various special events. Following is one written by him in 1904 entitled: "A Thanksgiving Poem."

Once more the children do assemble
Around the dear old family hearth,
And the mother's hand may tremble,—
She still enjoys a hearty laugh.
And when the table is nicely set,
And all her children seated down,
How mother loves to stand a little back
And all her good things, hand them round.

How sweet and pleasant is the home,
No empty chair, but all the dear ones living.
Some may have gone away to roam,
But all get round about Thanksgiving.

Oh! the forests of God's love lie round us
On every hand they are growing;
Peace and plenty still abound us
All grateful hearts should be overflowing.

God give us a clear and bright conception
Of the mines that lie beneath our feet,
That supply all our wants here below
And make the joys of life complete.
Our cribs are full of corn,
Our barns are full of hay,
And hearts that are full of praise
Are overflowing this Thanksgiving day.

Oh! for a heart to praise my God
For all his mercies he has given.
Oh! for a tongue his name to laud
And to pray, that we might be forgiven.
The gratitude of honest, cheerful hearts,
Always brings the richest blessings;
A song with God in all the parts,
There will be nothing missing.

Oh, how much we owe to God!
Debts so great, we ne'er can pay;
Ungrateful through this world we plod
While he provides for us, day by day.
There is a revenue God demands of us;
How many there are that never pay it—
Toil through life, with head and hands,
No foundation, no, they never lay it.

During the first few years of his life Mathew John McNeilly, whose name introduces this review, accompanied his parents on their various removals and was still but a lad when the family took up its abode in Jackson county, Iowa. There he attended the common schools and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained there for nineteen years and in 1882 came with his parents to Jones county. He later supplemented his early educational training by a course of study in a business college at Dubuque, Iowa, and then returned home, remaining under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. At that time he started out in the business world on his own account, working for his father for one year and then carrying on agricultural pursuits as a renter for about two years. By that time he had accumulated sufficient means with which to purchase property of his own and he invested in sixty acres of land on section 1, Jackson township, which formed the nucleus of his present fine farm. As the years passed, he was able to add

to his original purchase until his farm today consists of two hundred acres of rich soil, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. Although at all times methodical and systematic, he is nevertheless up-to-date and progressive in the conduct of his business affairs. He has made a close study of agriculture and this, combined with the thorough training which he early received under the direction of his father, has made him a successful and prosperous farmer, whose well directed labors are finding their reward in substantial annual harvests. On the 8th of February, 1899, he lost his home by fire, but he has since erected another dwelling which in its neat and attractive appearance stands as a monument to his thrift and industry.

Mr. McNeilly has been twice married. In September, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Aitken, a native of Perthshire, Scotland, who passed away on the 13th of March, 1888, at the early age of twenty-three years. She left one daughter, Mabel, who is now stenographer for the Diamond Creamery Company of Monticello. In 1889, he was again married, his second union being with Mary E. Livingston, who was born in Madison township, Jones county, on the 16th of August, 1858, a daughter of John and Margaret Livingston, natives of Scotland. Her parents both passed away in Madison township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McNeilly have been born two children, James R. and Margaret Anna.

Mr. McNeilly's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church at Center Junction, in which he is now serving as elder, and in the work of which he is active and helpful. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been very active in the local ranks of the party, although he has never been an aspirant for public office. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and his cooperation can always be counted upon to aid in furthering public progress along lines of substantial upbuilding and development. His excellent traits of character inspire personal friendship of unusual strength and all who know him have for him high admiration and esteem.

W. F. A. McNEILLY.

W. F. A. McNeilly, a brother of Mathew John McNeilly, whose sketch appears above, has also devoted his energies throughout his active business career to the tilling of the soil, in which line of activity he is meeting with most gratifying success. Born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 5th of July, 1869, he is a son of James and Anna (Smith) McNeilly, extended mention of whom is made in the sketch of M. J. McNeilly. He was a lad of thirteen years, when, in 1882, he came with his parents to Jones county, and here he completed his education which had been begun in the district schools of his native county. The periods of vacation were devoted to assisting in the work of the home farm, and he continued to give his father the benefit of his aid until the latter's retirement from active life in 1896, when he took full charge of the homestead and has since made it his place of residence. The farm consists of two hundred and

fifteen acres of land, all highly developed and the excellent improvements with which it is equipped were placed upon it by Mr. McNeilly and his father. Aside from general farming pursuits he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding shorthorn cattle, having on hand at the present time twenty head of registered stock. Both branches of his business are proving most profitable and his affairs are so carefully and wisely managed that he has won rank among the representative and substantial farmers of the township.

It was on Christmas day, 1895, that Mr. McNeilly was united in marriage to Miss Rilla D. Duncan, a native of Columbus Junction, Iowa, where her birth occurred on the 25th of December, 1872. She is a daughter of Andrew L. and Martha (O'Laughlin) Duncan, the former born in Tennessee in 1842 and the latter in Indiana in 1850. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was brought to Iowa by his parents in infancy and he continued to make his home within its borders throughout the rest of his life. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Louisa county, Iowa, as a member of Company C, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry of General Crocker's Brigade. He served for four years as a private and was wounded at the battle of Atlanta. After the close of the war he returned to the farm and continued to reside thereupon until 1879. The last eight years of his life were passed as a guard at the state penitentiary. He passed away on the 2d of May, 1895, in Anamosa, having survived his wife fifteen years, her death occurring in 1880. In their family were five children, of whom Mr. McNeilly was the fourth in order of birth. The others were: John E., of Center Junction; George B., residing in Washington; Ward, who is now deceased; and Villa, the wife of H. J. McCreedy, of Maxville, Kansas. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McNeilly was blessed with four children, namely: Andrew, Ruth, Glenn and Ray Donavan.

Mr. McNeilly is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Center Junction, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of his life, and in fraternal relations he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a republican and although he never sought nor desired office does all in his power to further the influence of the party throughout the community. His time is largely devoted, however, to the conduct of his business affairs, in which he is meeting with excellent success, energy, perseverance, self-reliance and integrity proving the salient elements in the prosperity which he now enjoys.

SAMUEL W. REYNER.

Samuel W. Reyner, who since April, 1909, has been acting as postmaster of Hale, Iowa, is also engaged in merchandising in this city, in which connection he is meeting with most gratifying success. One of Jones county's native sons, he was born in Clay township on the 4th of March, 1860, a son of George and Hannah L. (Mackrill) Reyner. The former, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 4th of November, 1832, was a son of John Reyner, a native of England, who came to the United States with one son, locating in Maryland, where he resided for some time, and then removed to Canton, Iowa, operating the first

woolen mill at that place. Later he went to Ozark, erecting a larger woolen mill which he operated in connection with a gristmill, sawmill and store. He continued to make that city his place of residence up to the time of his demise. In his family were seven sons and one daughter. George Reyner, the father of our subject, left his native state and went to Jackson county, Iowa, with his parents in 1852. There he met Miss Hannah L. Mackrill, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, in May, 1834, and went to Jackson county with her parents about the time of the arrival of Mr. Reyner. There they were married and reared their family. The father had followed the occupation of farming until about thirty-one years ago, when he became identified with merchandising, being engaged in that connection for about twenty years both in Canton and Center Junction. He is now living retired, however, in Independence, Missouri, his wife having passed away in Jackson county, Iowa, in November, 1879. Their family consisted of four children, as follows: Nancy, who was called to her final rest when twenty years of age; Joel, operating the home farm at Canton, Iowa; Samuel W., of this review and Maud A., the wife of Homer Spray, of Lorain, Ohio.

On his father's farm in Jones county Samuel W. Reyner spent the first six years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Jackson county, where he was reared to manhood. He acquired his education in the district schools and at the same time assisted his father in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was married when nineteen years of age, and he started out in the business world on his own account on his father's farm, which he operated for three years, and then resided upon the farm of his father-in-law for a similar period. He next carried on agricultural pursuits as a renter, being thus engaged until about ten years ago, when he purchased a farm of two hundred and ninety acres in Clay township, Jones county. Upon this farm he resided for three years, when he sold the property and purchased a farm in Jackson county near Canton, consisting of two hundred and twenty-five acres. This he traded on the 1st of December, 1908, for his present property in Hale, upon which stands a two-story structure, with basement, twenty-eight by sixty-six feet. In this building he has since been engaged in general merchandising and has built up a most creditable trade, his good business ability and capable management being the salient characteristics in his present success. He also owns a good residence property in this city, upon which stands a comfortable and attractive dwelling, where he and his family now make their home.

It was on the 10th of November, 1880, that Mr. Reyner was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Carr, a native of Dewitt, Clinton county, Iowa, born June 9, 1864, a daughter of George and Mary (Tripp) Carr. The parents were both natives of Onondaga county, New York, the father being born on the 10th of December, 1815, and the mother on the 14th of January, 1819. They were married in the Empire state and removed to Iowa about 1857, coming to Jones county when their daughter, Mrs. Reyner, was about four years of age. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, passed away January 30, 1889, while his wife survived until the 12th of March, 1909. In their family were the following children: Stephen, of Alliance, Nebraska; Rosetta, the wife of T. E.

Moore, of Canton; Winfield S., residing in Canton; and Mary A., who became the wife of our subject. Three children died in infancy. Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reyner were born seven children, as follows: Charles A., who passed away when eighteen years of age; George M., residing in Butte, Montana; Lena, the wife of Charles Haynor, of Hale; Frank, at home; Allen Emery; Harlan Winfield; and Hazel May, who died at the age of one year.

To the principles of the republican party Mr. Reyner has given stalwart allegiance since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and upon this ticket he was appointed postmaster of Hale on the 1st of April, 1909. He is proving a very capable official, performing his duties in connection with that office in a manner entirely satisfactory to his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Mutual Benevolent Association, in both of which he is an active member, the rules governing his life being in entire harmony with the principles upon which these organizations are founded. At all times his life record measures up to a high standard of manhood and whether in business, social or public relations, he deserves the esteem of those with whom he comes in contact.

PARK CHAMBERLAIN.

Park Chamberlain, a member of the Iowa bar, whose duties as legal adviser to the Anamosa National Bank and Schoonover Trust Company claim the greater part of his time and attention, was born at Wyoming, Iowa, February 6, 1877. His parents were W. I. and Lucy W. Chamberlain. The father was formerly a practicing attorney of Wyoming but is now deceased. The son supplemented his early education by study in the State University of Iowa, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy on the 8th of June, 1899. His course had been preparatory for the practice of law and he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Iowa on the 10th of May of that year. He then opened an office in Wyoming, Iowa, where he continued in practice until July, 1900, when he formed a partnership with Judge B. H. Miller, at Anamosa. This relation was maintained until January 1, 1903, when the senior partner went upon the bench. Mr. Chamberlain then continued to practice alone until January 1, 1907, when he entered the service of the Anamosa National Bank and the Schoonover Trust Company as an officer and legal counselor, his time being entirely given to those interests save for such hours as are devoted to the management of his personal business affairs.

On the 20th of February, 1902, Mr. Chamberlain was married to Miss Lena V. Hubbell, a daughter of C. M. and D. Augusta Hubbell, of Anamosa. Their children are: William Hubbell, born May 5, 1904; and Augusta Lucile, born June 25, 1905. Mr. Chamberlain is a republican in politics and is well known through his fraternal connections, holding membership in Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M.; Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. at Cedar Rapids; and De Molay Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Clinton, Iowa. He is likewise a mem-



PARK CHAMBERLAIN

ber of Sumner Lodge, No. 92, K. P. As legal counselor and official in one of Anamosa's leading financial institutions he sustains important relations to the public, while his personal characteristics have won him high regard and warm friendships in fraternal and social circles.

JAMES A. HAMILTON.

In the half century and more that Clay township has been the place of residence of James A. Hamilton, many changes have taken place which have advanced its value manifold. These he has witnessed and in these he has participated, for the greater part of the one hundred and sixty acres he owns today were obtained by his father when he came first to Jones county to better his fortunes. Sloan Hamilton, the first of his branch of the family to settle in this county, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, September 7, 1832. In 1847 he came to America, locating first in Connecticut, where in 1853 he was married. That same year he started for Iowa, and after his arrival bought first a tract of timber land, which he cleared and prepared for cultivation. In 1875 he purchased eighty acres of prairie, to which two years later he added another tract of eighty acres. In 1886 he bought another farm of eighty acres, but afterward sold forty, so that he owned two hundred acres all told. Mr. Hamilton had begun life in this country almost penniless, but the gradual accretion of land just enumerated evidence with what success he pursued his vocation as a tiller of the soil, and indicate the prosperity which graced the declining years of his life. He knew well the value and necessity of hard work, but he also knew that industry without purpose and thrift accomplished little. He never left a task, however difficult, until he had accomplished his end; and he never permitted his labor, any more than his savings to be wasted through thoughtlessness. He died May 4, 1903. His wife, who was Miss Nancy Johnston, in her maidenhood, was also a native of County Antrim, where she was born May 25, 1829. She came to America in 1847 and became the mother of seven children, of whom two are deceased. The others are: Mrs. A. Dewitt, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. James Smith, James A. and Thomas W. Thomas W. resides in New Haven, Connecticut, where for many years he has been connected with the Bethel Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hamilton passed away January 17, 1891.

James A. Hamilton, the subject of this sketch, was born in Clay township, June 22, 1858. He attended the district schools in the vicinity of his birthplace and he was early called upon to assist in the work of the home farm. Indeed, almost his whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and the greater part of it has been spent in the operation of the farm, or a part of it, on which he now lives. As his father advanced in years our subject shouldered the heavier cares, which had formerly devolved upon him and after his death fell heir to one hundred and sixty acres of his landholdings. Eighty acres of this constitute the old homestead, while forty are in timber. Mr. Hamilton has pursued general farming but he has also given considerable time and attention to the raising and feeding of hogs, cattle and horses, finding that both adjuncts

of his business have rendered him large returns for the amount of labor he has spent upon them. In the cultivation of his fields he has spared neither industry nor study to reap the largest harvests possible; and in his stock industry he has employed means of housing and caring for his animals and of feeding them which have proved efficacious for the purpose for which they were designed. Progressive, energetic and a good manager, Mr. Hamilton well merits the position he holds in the agricultural community of Clay township. His success is representative of its best interests.

On the 7th of May, 1887, Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Jennie Edwards, who was born October 17, 1866, and is a daughter of Green and Minerva Edwards, who lived in Jones county, during their lifetime. Her father was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, being corporal of Company E, Fifth Regiment of Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. He was honorably discharged from service in 1865 and died in 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are the parents of seven children: Elsie, M., born June 19, 1886; Blanche, born May 8, 1889; Al, born August 17, 1892; Hazel H., born August 9, 1894; Max D., born November 14, 1899; Mildred, born June 11, 1902; and Teddy R., born February 17, 1905. The children are being educated in the public schools, and Blanche is a graduate of the Onslow high school and is now engaged in teaching.

Mr. Hamilton has consistently given his support to the candidates of the republican party ever since he has been old enough to vote. His adherence in matter of religion has been accorded to the Presbyterian church, and his life has been ordered in harmony with its teachings. While the extent of his farm proclaim the success with which he has pursued his chosen calling, this is perhaps indicated in an even greater degree by the fine quality of the buildings he has erected upon his place. These are modern in every respect, his home in particular attaining to the highest standard of convenience, for in addition to other suitable appointments it is provided with an excellent furnace, which heats it throughout.

GLENN A. PEET.

Glenn A. Peet, one of the native farmers of this county, was born in Greenfield township, January 22, 1870, and is the son of E. G. and Oriana (Chapin) Peet. He grew to manhood on the old homestead, and as he was the second in a family of nine sons, he early assumed his share of the work which was carried on there. He attended the public schools, from which he received a fair education, and when he decided to start in life for himself he came to Fairview township. Here he has one hundred and forty acres of land, well improved, showing a good state of cultivation and the use of modern methods of agriculture.

Mr. Peet has been twice married. On the 28th of September, 1893, he was united to Miss Clara Robbins, whose father is living in Martelle, Iowa, but her mother, who was Miss Mary Durant in her maidenhood, has passed away. To this union was born one child, Harlan Gail, who died at the age of one year and seven months. Mrs. Peet died March 20, 1900, and on the 7th of February,

1901, Mr. Peet married again, the bride of this union having been Miss Evelyn Miller, a daughter of Abraham Miller and his wife. He passed away June 11, 1892, but Mrs. Miller resides near Anamosa. They had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters: Charles Nelson, of Los Angeles, California; Jesse, who is living near Springville, Iowa; Sylvester, living near Morley; Evelyn, who is Mrs. Peet; Mrs. Isabel Colwell, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Caroline Hay, who lives near Martelle; Mrs. Myrtle Kyes, who lives in Arizona; Wilbur, of Los Angeles, California; Clifford Caspar, who lives near Martelle; Amon, a resident of Los Angeles, California; Carl, of Anamosa; and Chauncey, of Anamosa. To Mr. Peet's second union have been born four children: Ray Cecil, born April 28, 1902; Ora Fern, January 15, 1904; Lottie Pauline, May 17, 1905; and Grace Isabel, January 22, 1909.

Mr. Peet has for a number of years been school director and is now secretary of the board of education of Fairview township, and has ever exerted his influence toward promoting better institutions of popular instruction. He enjoys pleasant fraternal relations with White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K P., of Martelle, and among his brothers has made many strong friends.

ASA E. BOYER.

Asa E. Boyer, filling the position of county recorder, to which he was elected on the 3d of November, 1908, is one of the native sons of Jones county, his birth having occurred in Fairview township, in October, 1887. His parents, B. F. and Margaret (Falor) Boyer were natives of Indiana and Jones county, Iowa, respectively, and are now residents of Anamosa. Their family numbers but two sons, the younger brother being Clarence Boyer, who also resides in Anamosa. The family is of German lineage and was founded in America by Joseph Boyer, a native of Germany, who came to the United States at an early age and settled first in Pennsylvania. He afterward removed westward to this county, becoming one of its pioneer residents. Isaac Falor was for a long time a partner of Mr. Metcalf in a sawmill and was a prominent man. It will thus be seen that the family has been a factor in the development and progress of this section of the state for a long period and the name has ever been a synonym for good citizenship.

At the early age of fourteen years Asa E. Boyer was thrown upon his own resources and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. He was first employed in the telephone office where he remained for about a year and a half, when, realizing the necessity and value of further education as a preparation for life's practical duties if he would work his way upward, he reentered the public schools, which he attended until eighteen years of age, when he was graduated from the high school. He was then employed in different ways for about a year, devoting some time to teaching school and later resumed his education as a student in the State University at Iowa City. There he remained for about a year, when he met with an accident which incapacitated him for active work for some time. Returning to Anamosa in May, 1908, he

secured employment in the Welch factory and there continued until the opening of the succeeding year.

In the meantime he had been made the democratic candidate for the office of county recorder and the election, which was held on the 3d of November, 1908, showed that he was the popular choice for the position. On the 1st of January he entered upon his duties which he is now discharging in a systematic, prompt and capable manner, his record being equal in its efficiency to that of any previous incumbent in the position. He has always been an advocate of democratic principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Episcopal church and is a young man whose sterling traits of character have won him a strong hold upon the regard and affections of his fellow townsmen.

E. E. MYERS.

E. E. Myers, who is devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Hale township, is meeting with success in his undertaking and is ranked among the representative farmers of his section of the township. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, near Canal Winchester, February 9, 1865, and is a son of Ezra and Mary (Bush) Myers, who were natives of Pennsylvania and were married in Ohio. The father passed away in Indiana in 1899 at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife still survives and makes her home near Indianapolis, Indiana. Their family consisted of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom our subject was fifth in order of birth.

The early childhood days of E. E. Myers were spent in his native county and when five years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Chatsworth, Illinois, where they resided for six or eight months. They then established their home in Marion county, Indiana, and in the district schools of the latter county Mr. Myers acquired his education devoting the periods of vacation to assisting his father in the work of the home farm. He remained there under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, and then, starting out in life on his own account, he came to Jones county in 1882, here working as a farm hand by the month for one year. At the expiration of that time he returned to Indiana and for a period of one year resided in Indianapolis. He then went to Cowley county, Kansas, where he remained for four years, and again returned to Indianapolis for a few months. Going back to Kansas he remained there a short time and then came to Iowa, where he made his home for two years. Then deciding to try his fortune in the far west he went to California and for some time was there engaged in fruit raising and kindred enterprises. He later returned to the middle west, locating in Jones county, Iowa, where he was married in the year 1893 and has since continued to make his home. He began his domestic life on a rented farm two miles north of the Wapsi river in Rome township, and operated it in that capacity for one year, after which he purchased the property and made it his place of residence for nine years. He then sold

the place and invested in his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in section 20, Hale township, while he also owns twenty acres of fine timber land north of the river. His farming property is all under a high state of cultivation and annually yields rich harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. In connection with general agricultural pursuits he devotes some time to stock raising and is enjoying a most gratifying remuneration from the fact that both branches of his business—the raising of cereals and the raising of stock—are proving very profitable.

On the 18th of January, 1893, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Rose, who was born in Jones county and is a daughter of L. K. Rose, one of the pioneer residents of this county. Unto this union were born three children, namely, Mary Elizabeth, Ida Josephine and Ezra Henry McKinley. Fraternally Mr. Myers is identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., of Olin, and also belongs to Knights of Pythias lodge of Olin. In politics he is a republican and is a stanch supporter of the principles of that party. He does not, however, seek to figure publicly in the affairs of the community, the only office which he has held being in connection with the school board. He is, nevertheless, loyal and true in his citizenship, doing all in his power to further those measures which have for their object the substantial growth and development of the community. His business career has been characterized by industry, diligence and perseverance, and to these qualities are due in large measure the success which he today enjoys in his agricultural pursuits.

JOHN F. RUSSELL.

John F. Russell, of Anamosa, was born August 11, 1852, in Highland, Ohio, and is a son of John and Margaret (Feehan) Russell. In the fall of 1852 his parents came to Iowa and after living for twenty years in Jones county, removed to Des Moines in 1872, making that city their home during the term of Mr. Russell, Sr., as Auditor of State.

With the exception of the first few months of his life John F. Russell has been continuously a resident of Iowa and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges, while the spirit of progress which has been the dominant feature in the upbuilding of this section of the state has prompted him to put forth effective and earnest effort for success. In early manhood he engaged in the livery business in Des Moines, but afterward turned his attention to the hardware business. In 1893, however, he returned to the farm in Jones county, whereon he remained for seven years, carefully tilling the soil and gathering rich harvests as the result of his labor and enterprise. In 1906 he again took up the livery business, establishing a stable in Anamosa, where he is now enjoying an extensive patronage. He is recognized as the leading liveryman of the town, having good horses and fine turnouts, while his business has reached out to profitable proportions.

On the 29th of September, 1880, at Des Moines, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn M. Chapman, a daughter of Philo Judson and Florence (Taylor) Chapman. Mr. Chapman was a soldier of the Civil war and died in Andersonville prison. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Russell has been blessed with two sons and a daughter. Lester Wright, the eldest, is a veterinary surgeon, engaged in the practice of his profession in Anamosa, where he has a hospital in connection with his father's business. Hoyt Chapman resides at Wilson, Arkansas, where he is employed as manager for the American Coop-erage Company. Florence Margaret, the youngest, is at home. Mr. Russell's political allegiance is given to the republican party which he has stanchly supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs which, carefully directed, have brought to him the success which he is now enjoying.

GEORGE W. DAVIS.

George W. Davis is one of the prosperous farmers of Jones county and with the history of agricultural development in this part of the state has been closely associated for more than a half century. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, on the 23d of December, 1843, and is a son of George and Susanna (Fisher) Davis, who were natives of Ireland but were of Scotch descent. The grandfather was Thomas Davis and the great-grandfather, George Davis. The maternal grandparents were James and Ruth Fisher, natives of Ireland, but of Scotch lineage and on both sides George W. Davis is descended from a long lived race. In the year 1854 his parents came to America with their family and settled in Philadelphia. They were twelve weeks in making the voyage on one of the old-time sailing vessels and after reaching their destination the father became connected with the grocery business in Philadelphia but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred there in April, 1856, when he was fifty-two years of age. In October, 1856, the widowed mother and her children came to Iowa, residing for a few months in Linn county, after which they came to Jones county. James, the eldest son of the family, afterward wedded Mary Ann Clark and resided in Mount Vernon, Iowa, until his death in 1907. Thomas F. Davis, the next son, married Jane Kepler and had four children: Frank T., Ella, Robert and Clarence. William Davis, the fourth son, married Ruth Fisher and resided in Cedar Rapids until his death which occurred in 1907 when he was seventy years of age. He had but one child living at the time of his death, Harvey. Martha became the wife of John McPherson, of Grenfield township, and her children are John, George D., Samuel, Thomas, Ruth and Anna. Ruth Davis, the second daughter of the father's family, became the wife of John Fink, of Lisbon, Iowa, who died in 1907. Their children were Anna, Hattie, James, George, John and Sophia. George W. Davis of this review is the eighth of the family. Belle became the wife of Dan Conner, of Mechanicsville, Iowa, and their children are George, Bird, Joseph, Mrs. Mattie Baughman, John and Lewis.



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Jane, a twin sister of Belle, is the wife of John F. Oldham, of Horton, Missouri, and their children are Edward, George, Mattie, Jessie and Mabel. The youngest of the family is John A. Davis, who married Julia Chapman and resides in Springville, Iowa. Their children are: Nellie, Mabel, Harley, Clarence, Blanch and two who died in infancy.

George W. Davis, when but twelve years of age, or at the time the mother and her children reached Jones county, started out in life for himself. He was just out of school in Philadelphia. At that time there was no railroad west of Rock Island and the family came from Davenport to Jones county by wagon. The early death of the father left the family in straitened financial circumstances and on reaching Lisbon, before the family had decided on a location, George W. Davis started out in a snow storm and walked from farm to farm asking for employment. At length he reached the home of Samuel Pfoutz, who agreed to give him his board for his services. In the spring Mr. Davis went to Linn Grove, where he arrived in April, 1857, and there engaged with a farmer, Abner Laycock, for forty dollars per year. He was then but thirteen years of age. He remained there until the spring of 1859, after which he hired out to another farmer at eight dollars per month. He continued in the service of Henry Bausenburt through the summer of 1859 but afterward entered the employ of Ed Clark, with whom he continued through the winter of 1860-1. In the spring of the latter year he returned to his former employer, Mr. Laycock, who agreed to pay him ten dollars per month for his services and he was thus employed until the 1st of July, 1861, when he could no longer content himself to remain at the plow while the Union was in peril. Responding to the country's call he enlisted as a soldier of Company I, Second Iowa Cavalry, under command of Colonel Washington L. Elliott of the Second Division of the Sixteenth Army Corps. At Camp McClelland the regiment remained a month or six weeks, when Colonel Elliott formed a camp of his own at Davenport and named it Camp Joe Holt. They left Davenport on the 7th of December following, for Benton Barracks, Missouri. At Davenport Mr. Davis had been chosen out of the regiment of many men as Colonel Elliott's orderly. In February, 1862, the troops proceeded to Bird's Point, Missouri, and then to Island No. 10. The Second Iowa was the first regiment on the works. From that point they raided through Missouri, after Jefferson Thompson, and later joined Pope's fleet of forty-eight steamers at Island No. 10 and went down the river as far as Fort Pillow, when under General Grant they were ordered up the Tennessee river to Pittsburg Landing and formed the left wing of Pope's command. The brigade was then joined by General Sheridan, who was a captain in the regular army and had just received his commission as colonel of the Second Michigan Cavalry.

On the 9th of May, 1862, the regiment made the charge at Farmington, four miles from Corinth, where it lost fifty men in ten minutes. They formed the left wing of Pope's division under Colonel Elliott and made the first raid of the war on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. The purpose was to cut off Beauregard's supplies and forty miles of the railroad were torn up. Colonel Elliott had been promoted to brigadier general and General Phil Sheridan had been placed in command of the brigade in which Mr. Davis was serving. Then Mr. Davis, with the Second Iowa participated in the battle of Booneville, Mississippi, after which

the troops returned to camp. Mr. Davis was then chosen Sheridan's orderly and under him they fought the battle of Iuka and Ripley. Colonel Sheridan was then made brigadier general. In 1862 the troops were camped at Rienzi and Sheridan named his famous horse for the place. From that point they returned to Corinth and on the 3d and 4th of October participated in the battle there. Following this Sheridan was made major general.

After the battle of Corinth the Second Iowa went to White Station, Tennessee, near Memphis. The rebel General Forrest had gone to Jackson, Tennessee, and the regiment followed him and engaged his troops in battle there in the winter of 1862-3. The troops then proceeded to Guntown but Forrest had blocked the retreat and they were cut off from camp. They then fought the battle of Moscow, Tennessee. While there General Hatch, who had been breveted brigadier general, was shot through the right lung but afterward recovered. The troops were ordered back to White Station where they remained to have their horses shod and get their arms in condition for the great Grierson raid. They left La Grange in April, 1863, and went as far as Columbia, Mississippi, with Grierson, fighting Forrest and Wheeler back to White Station, thereby drawing the forces away from Grierson so he could make the raid through the Confederacy. Having taken the Sixth and Seventh Illinois Cavalry with him, he made his famous raid, cutting the Confederacy in two. He went through Baton Rouge and on to Port Hudson. From White Station the section of the army with which Mr. Davis was connected made several raids, taking part in the battles of Collinsville, Oxford, Tupelo, Coffeeville, Palo Alto, Okalona, West Point, Campbellsville, Iuka, Franklin, Nashville, Hurricane Creek, Wall Hill, Lawrenceburg, Springdale, Mount Carmel, Shoal Creek and numerous others, some sixty-one in all, the regiment losing seventy-one killed with some three hundred lost from disease and other causes.

In the spring of 1863 when they formed the advance of Grant's troops going south to Holly Springs. They participated in the battle of that place and at Coffeeville and proceeded on to Oxford. On Grant's retreat from Holly Springs, Mississippi, this command formed the rear guard and tore up the Illinois Central Railroad. In the spring of 1863 they went back to camp at White Station, made several raids and did protection duty for the infantry until October, 1863, when they were ordered to join Sherman at Atlanta. They proceeded as far as Clifton, Tennessee, when they were sent back and ordered to make preparations for the greatest raid of the war. This was delayed until the 11th of February, 1864, when the troops started from Memphis southward, burning and destroying everything. They proceeded as far as West Point when under command of General W. S. Smith they were defeated. The Second Iowa formed the rear guard on the retreat for two hundred and fifty miles to Memphis. At Germantown, Tennessee, on the retreat they were met by Governor Kirkwood, of Iowa, who wanted the soldiers to reenlist. Mr. Davis did so and in April, 1864, was granted a thirty day furlough which he spent at home, after which he and his comrades were ordered to Benton Barracks and were reequipped and remounted.

Proceeding to Memphis, Tennessee, they formed the advance guard of General A. J. Smith's expedition to the battle of Tupelo, Mississippi, after which they

proceeded to Harrisburg and tore up the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. While thus engaged they fought the forces under General Forrest and killed his brother. The Union troops returned to Memphis and thence to White Station. The Confederates concentrated all of their forces and proceeded to Oxford, Mississippi. General Smith was then ordered out to Oxford and Mr. Davis' regiment formed the advance. On reaching Oxford Forrest made a two nights' march, reached his destination and got away. The Union forces were ordered back to Columbia, Tennessee, and thence to Florence on the Tennessee river. Hood was advancing north and later occurred the battles of Campbellsville, Linnville and Franklin, in November, 1864. Then came an order to proceed to Edgefield, where they arrived on the 2d of December, 1864. They went into camp, awaiting a change in the weather for while they were at Edgefield, mercury registered ten degrees below and there was heavy snow, causing much suffering. On the 10th of December, 1864, they crossed the Cumberland river to the Nashville side when they were ordered to take the left of Thomas' army. The battle of Nashville was begun on the 15th of December, and continued through the two succeeding days. The division to which Mr. Davis belonged was the first to break Hood's left line and later they charged the first and second forts. They followed the rebel troops and participated in the battle of Pulaski, Tennessee. Their horses had been traveling for one hundred days through the mud and were almost exhausted. A call was made for two hundred picked men to be commanded by Colonel Horton and Mr. Davis was chosen as one of the number to go with Colonel Horton to follow Hood's army to the Tennessee river, for the purpose of harassing Hood's army and burning his wagons and ammunition trains. They burned one hundred wagons at Pulaski, Tennessee, and others at different places along the route. Afterward they returned to Nashville and were ordered to Athens, Alabama, thence to Eastport, Mississippi, and afterward to Gravely Springs, then back to Eastport. From that point they went to Talladega, then to Selma, at which point they were located at the close of the war and by general order was ordered to Davenport. Proceeding to the north by steamer he reached Davenport, Iowa, on the 1st of October, 1865, and was mustered out. There he was also honorably discharged and received his pay. Mr. Davis was the youngest man in Company I at the organization of the company. At the second battle of Corinth he was wounded and was sent to Keokuk, Iowa, to recuperate. Although he was but seventeen years of age when he joined the army he proved a brave and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of any military duty entrusted to his care, never was in the guard house and was never reprimanded. When eighteen years of age he was offered a commission in a colored regiment by General Beach, but preferred to remain with the boys of his regiment.

After the war Mr. Davis settled in Jones county and with the money which he had saved from his pay as a soldier he bought eighty acres of land on section 19, Greenfield township, and has since occupied it as his homestead place. It was a tract of raw prairie for which he paid nine dollars per acre. He rented it the first year while he spent the time in traveling but personally began the improvement of his place in 1867. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Miss Anis Jones, whom he wedded in Anamosa on the 18th of September, 1868. She was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, September 2, 1850, a daughter

of Thomas and Jane (Tatum) Jones, who were natives of North Carolina. Coming to Iowa in 1863 they settled in Greenfield township, Jones county, where the father died in 1880 at the age of sixty-one years while the mother passed away at Grand Junction, Iowa, in 1904 at the age of seventy-six.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born six children: Thomas Ulysses, the eldest, is living on the old homestead; Harry Elmer, also residing on the old homestead, wedded Hattie E. Card and they have three children, Lawrence, Francis and Elwin. Lottie became the wife of Philip G. Mohn, who died in October, 1906, leaving the following children: Ora R., Conrad D., Minnie E., and Florence J. George Washington Davis, the fourth of the family and a resident of Linn county, Iowa, married Mina Weston and their children are: Nellie L., Claud T. and Glen. Ira L., who resides on a farm in Greenfield township, this county, married Ida B. Abel and their children are: Harold E., Anis, George W., and Laura B. Ora, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Notley Scott, of Cedar county, Iowa, and they have two children, Grace V. and Carl. The death of Mrs. Davis occurred September 4, 1898, when she was forty-eight years of age. She was a lady of many good traits of character and her loss was, therefore, deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family.

Mr. Davis is well known in Jones county where he has now lived for more than a half century. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in John A. Buck Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Lisbon. He is one of its charter members, has held every office in the post and is a past commander. He has been chosen three times as a delegate to the national encampments and carried the banner of Iowa for five miles on Market street in San Francisco in 1902 and the same banner in Toledo in 1908, and is now an aide on the staff of the present National Commander General Van Zant, of Minnesota. He is a devoted and faithful member of the Reformed church of Lisbon, of which he has been an elder for eighteen years. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln when eighteen years of age, being one of the soldiers who were accorded this privilege while defending the Union in the Civil war. He has since been loyal to the party, believing its principles are most conducive to good government.

In his business affairs Mr. Davis has won success. As previously stated his first purchase of land was eighty acres and to this he has added from time to time until his holdings are extensive. In 1871 he bought forty acres on section 13, Linn township, Linn county, and afterward bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 19, Linn township, Jones county. His next purchase made him owner of eighty acres more on the same section and afterward he bought twenty acres of timber in Linn township, Linn county. He next purchased five acres on section 32, Greenfield township, Jones county, and now has in all about four hundred acres of very rich and productive land, constituting a valuable property. In his business affairs he has displayed keen discernment and marked enterprise and the success which he has won is the merited reward of his labors. When but fourteen years of age he hauled wheat to Muscatine, a distance of forty-five miles, driving a team of two horses and on reaching his destination sold the wheat for thirty-five cents a bushel, taking the pay in wild cat money. He broke the prairie with seven yoke of oxen, cutting a swath three feet in width with a single plow.

That plow has been sent to Iowa City to be preserved as a relic. Mr. Davis has in his possession two things which he prizes as souvenirs of his army experiences. At the battle of Senatoba, Mississippi, he captured a Texas soldier and appropriated his saber and saddle which he now possesses. He has served as school director in his district and raised the first stars and stripes over the schoolhouse in Greenfield township. He has been a delegate to the conventions of Des Moines and to several state conventions and is at all times a stanch advocate of any measure or movement which he believes to be right.

JAMES T. McNALLY.

Practicing the virtues of thrift and industry with an energy that could not but be attended with a pronounced success, James T. McNally may well be numbered among the prominent farmers of Washington township. He was born upon the old homestead whose fields he now tills, January 15, 1851, a son of Thomas and Jane (Farrell) McNally. The parents were both natives of Ireland, but came to America in 1833, shortly after their marriage. For two years they lived in Brooklyn, New York, and then removed to Maryland, which remained their home for three years. It was in 1841 that they came to Washington township, Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. McNally "squatted." When this section of the state was opened by the government for colonization he conformed with the conditions required of the home seekers and secured the tract, living thereon for the rest of his life. When he came here, he had to cut the trees to make a rude shelter of logs, for the land had not known the plow or harrow and the woods had not heard the blow of an ax or hatchet. As the years passed and the soil returned abundant harvests for his labor, Mr. McNally erected a house more adequate for his needs. In 1885, when his death occurred, he was able to look back upon those early years with a sigh of satisfaction, for the present with its comforts, its large income and the knowledge that his sons were well established in their own vocations, presented a view very much changed from that of the untried country of half a century before. While Mr. McNally never aspired to public office, he enjoyed the distinction of being one of the first grand jury summoned in this county. His wife, who with so much courage had borne the hardships of the pioneering days, died one year before him, but she too was able to partake of the joys and pleasures that were added to their later years. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Robert, a farmer of Richland township, Jones county; one who died in infancy; Bernard and Frank, who have also passed away; Mary, who is the wife of James Linch, of Wright county, Iowa; Anna, who has not married; James T., the subject of this review; and Norbertus, who is deceased.

James T. McNally completed the course of instruction prescribed by the common schools of his district and then entered the high school at Temple Hill. He was always connected with agricultural pursuits, however, for from his earliest years he did his share toward assisting in the work that was carried on around the home place. Now he owns two hundred and eighty acres of some

of the choicest land in Washington township, and since it has been his home through the many vicissitudes of youth and manhood, he feels attached to it as are few farmers to the fields they till. Annually he feeds about two carloads of steers and from fifty to seventy-five hogs, while he also raises several colts, deriving from all his interests an income that is very gratifying.

In 1888 Mr. McNally wedded Miss Margaret Supple, who was born in Clay township, this county, November 12, 1857. Her father, John Supple, a farmer of this county, died in 1885, and her mother in 1883. One son, Francis J., has been granted to them. He was born October 8, 1889, and is now a promising young man who has made good use of the educational advantages afforded him.

Mr. McNally has steadfastly given his support in political matters to the democratic party and has himself played no small part in local affairs, for he has been a most capable township trustee through several terms and as a school director has done much to advance the cause of education in his locality. His allegiance in religion is given to the Catholic church of Temple Hill. Mindful of the precepts of his father, always to be up and doing, advancing not standing still, but at the same time to achieve success wholly through his own efforts and not through the calamities of those who were less amply endowed to brave the battle of life, Mr. McNally has steadily risen to an important position among the citizens of his township. As befits a man of such wide influence, he gives his support to those measures which are calculated to promote the well being of the commonwealth and of his county.

GEORGE ALBERT NEWMAN.

A tract of four hundred and eleven acres of as fine land as can be found in Greenfield township pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by George Albert Newman. Born in this township on the 12th of February, 1866, his entire life has been passed within its borders. He is the seventh in order of birth in the family of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman. As a lad he attended the district schools in the acquirement of his education, and at the same time assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus gaining a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of agricultural pursuits which proved of value to him in later years. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and then, desiring to enter upon an independent business career, he took up the occupation of farming on his own account and has since been identified with that line of activity. As the years have come and gone he has become the owner of a fine farm, consisting of four hundred and eleven acres of rich and productive land, and to its further development he is now devoting his entire energies. The place presents the appearance of a highly improved and well cared for property, being the visible evidence of a life of thrift, energy and industry on the part of the owner. He is up-to-date and progressive in his business methods and has made a close study of agriculture in general,



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while his close application and wise management are proving the salient qualities in the creditable degree of success which is today his.

It was in December, 1892, that Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Estella Chapin, a daughter of Charles W. and Eloise (Holcomb) Chapin, old residents of Greenfield township. Unto this union have been born six children, namely: Lora Maude, sixteen years of age; Esther Verne, fourteen years of age; Clancy Vance, aged thirteen years; Mary Elizabeth Eloise, aged eleven; Hubert Lee, aged ten; and Ruth Chapin, aged eight. The family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death, the children all residing under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. Newman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Martelle, their lives at all times being in harmony with its teachings.

In politics Mr. Newman gives stalwart support to the democracy, doing all in his power to further the influence of that party throughout the community. He has been a director of the school board for five years and is deeply interested in the cause of education, being desirous of the extension of its efficiency throughout the district. He is an advocate of progress, reform and improvement in all forms and all matters pertaining to the substantial growth and upbuilding of the community along material, political, educational and moral lines find in him a stanch champion. Having spent his entire life within the borders of Greenfield township he has gained an extensive circle of friends which is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and the fact that he is best liked where best known is indicative of the fact that his life record has ever been guided by the principles that govern honorable, upright manhood.

CABLE BELKNAP.

Cable Belknap, one of the veterans of the Civil war and a man widely known and much esteemed, is a farmer residing on section 11, Jackson township, where he has lived for a number of years. He was born at Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 19, 1838, a son of Bissel Sydney and Barbara (Cable) Belknap, natives of Pennsylvania and Vermont, respectively, who were married in Ohio. They spent their peaceful lives upon a farm and were hard-working people. There were four children in their family, as follows: David, who died in Ohio; Joseph, who lives at Canton, that state; Cable, who is the third in order of birth; and Elizabeth Jane, who married Philip Cline, of Vernon, Michigan.

Until he was twenty-two years of age, Cable Belknap rented a farm of his parents, and then, seeking for a broader field in which to operate, he came to Jones county, Iowa, where his father had entered land in 1854, securing a deed for it signed by President Pierce. Our subject settled on this farm May 10, 1860, and it has been his home ever since. It is located on section 11, Jackson township, and consists of two hundred and eighty acres. In addition to this, Mr. Belknap owns forty acres of timber one mile east of his home, on sections 10 and 11. The property is well improved and he has good buildings he erected.

On October 6, 1864, Mr. Belknap enlisted in Company E, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps,

and he served for eight months, or until the close of the war. He was with General Sherman at the capture of Savannah, where he was taken sick and forced to go into the hospital, but at the end of three weeks he rejoined his regiment at Raleigh, North Carolina, and had the pleasure of participating in the grand review at Washington. Immediately after his discharge he returned home, having done his duty as a soldier and a man. He now belongs to the Anamosa post, G. A. R. His political faith makes him a republican. For some years he has been a member of the Methodist church of Center Junction and is quite active in church work, being always willing to bear his part in extending its influence.

On April 10, 1860, Mr. Belknap was married to Elizabeth Tripp, who was born in Carlton, Ohio, March 25, 1836, where she resided until her marriage. She was well educated in the high school of her neighborhood and taught school for two years before her marriage. She is a daughter of William and Sarah (Haft) Tripp, natives of Pennsylvania, who went to Ohio after their marriage which was celebrated in their native state. From 1835, when they arrived in Ohio, until their deaths they lived near Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. Belknap are the parents of nine children, as follows: Charles S., William Tripp and Joseph E., who are at home; John D., who lives at Anamosa; Oscar W., who lives at Olin; Jennie, who is at home; Etta M., who married F. E. Coder, of Washington; James S., who lives near Anamosa on a farm; and Cora C., who married Jasper H. Ramsey, of Anamosa.

VENCLE LASACK.

Vencle Lasack is giving his time and attention to general farming on a tract of one hundred and ten acres in Oxford township, he having acquired this property through his own labor. He was born on the old home farm in this township in October, 1871, a son of Frank and Alberta Lasack, who, natives of Bohemia, emigrated to the United States in 1860 and located on land which the father purchased in Oxford township. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Michael and John, both residents of Oxford township; Albert, who makes his home in Oxford Junction; Adolf, also of Oxford Junction; Vencle, of this review; Anna, the wife of James Straka, a resident of Oxford township; Mrs. Christina Pecksh, who makes her home in Oxford Junction; and Vete, of Oxford township. The father is now deceased but the mother still survives and makes her home in Oxford Junction.

Vencle Lasack was reared on the home farm, being trained to the work of the fields during the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the common schools of the neighborhood. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until the time of his marriage, when in 1894 he wedded Miss Mary Berneck, a native of Jones county. Her father is deceased but her mother is still living and makes her home in Oxford Junction.

Following his marriage Mr. Lasack located on the farm which has since been his home. The place comprises one hundred and ten acres of cultivable land and

nine acres of timber land, all on section 25, Oxford township. Mr. Lasack has good buildings on the place, while his farm work is carried on in a manner that brings the best results.

Three sons and two daughters grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lasack, Frank, Mary C., John A., Anna M. and Vencle, Jr. Mr. Lasack is a democrat in his political views and at the present time, 1909, he is serving as school director. He is ever alert to every opportunity presented and by hard work and careful expenditure has come into possession of his excellent farm property.

NORMAN P. CLARK.

Industry, energy and perseverance have characterized the efforts of Norman P. Clark during the years of his active business career, and his well directed efforts in agricultural lines are now meeting with creditable success. Born in Waterville, Lamoille county, Vermont, on the 5th of October, 1849, he is a son of Seth and Lucretia (Phillips) Clark, also natives of that state, the former being born in Johnson in 1809 and the latter in Chester in 1811. The parents lived together upon the farm where our subject was born for about forty-five years, or until the death of the mother, which occurred when she was almost seventy years of age. The father passed away at the age of seventy-five years. In their family were seven children, namely: Nancy A., the widow of N. H. Terrill; Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Z. Whiting; Helen G., who married J. Stevens and is also deceased; Lucetta, the wife of L. Page, residing in Princeton, Illinois; Norman P., of this review; Alice Isabelle Stevens, deceased; and Edwin A., of Chula, Missouri.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm in Vermont, Norman P. Clark acquired his education in the district schools and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he entered the business world on his own account, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. In 1878 he came west to Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1880, when he removed to Leadville, Colorado. Returning to Illinois after a short stay, he remained in the latter state but one year, and then in February, 1882, came to Jones county, purchasing the farm upon which he now makes his home. It consists of two hundred acres on section 2, Cass township, and to its further development he has directed his entire energies, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. When it came into his possession the farm was equipped with a small dwelling which has since been replaced by a comfortable and attractive residence, substantial and commodious barns and outbuildings have been erected and on the place are found all of the modern accessories and conveniences that go to make up a well improved farm of the nineteenth century. He carries on general farming and also make a specialty of breeding Duroc Jersey hogs, both branches of his business proving sources of gratifying remuneration. Industry

and energy have been the salient characteristics of his business career and his labors have found their just reward in a most gratifying degree of success. As he has prospered he has purchased other property, and he now owns, aside from the homestead, sixty-five acres on section 25 and 36, Castle Grove township.

Mr. Clark laid the foundations of a happy home life in his marriage, on the 20th of June, 1894, to Miss Hattie J. Worster, who was born in Wayne township, Jones county, on the 18th of August, 1863. She is a daughter of Selim and Lucy (Ripley) Worster, the former born in Swanzey, New Hampshire, on the 26th of May, 1822, and the latter in Winchester, New Hampshire, November 20, 1825. They came to Jones county in 1853 with four of their children, the home being established in Wayne township, where they continued to reside until their death, at which time Mr. Worster owned about three hundred acres of fine farming land. He passed away on the 14th of January, 1907, while his wife survived him until the 13th of September, 1909. Their family consisted of ten children, namely: George C., of Ottosen, Iowa; John M., residing in Emporia, Kansas; Waldo A., of Fort Scott, Kansas; Alden E., making his home in Albion, Iowa; Charles, also residing in Emporia, Kansas; Mrs. Miranda S. Dunn, who lives in West Bend, Iowa; William J., also of Ottosen; Mrs. N. P. Clark; Mrs. Cora A. Walters, of Cass township; and Henry F., living in Wayne township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born four children, of whom Grace L., the eldest, passed away in infancy. The others are: Hattie May, Norman E. and Raymond J., all under the parental roof.

In his political allegiance Mr. Clark is a stalwart republican and has served as township trustee, justice of the peace, and has held other public offices. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his life record has ever been in harmony with the principles of brotherhood that form the basic elements of these organizations. His time and attention are naturally most largely given to his business interests and he has followed the occupation to which he was reared for many years. In his business career he has been straightforward and reliable and counts among his many friends all those who acknowledge and appreciate genuine personal worth.

J. A. TOMLINSON.

J. A. Tomlinson is a substantial representative of the best agricultural interests of Madison township and his well tilled fields on sections 1 and 2 bear out this township's reputation for the prosperity of its residents. A native of Jones county, he was born in Clay township, January 25, 1855, his parents being Joseph and Mary J. (Curry) Tomlinson. The former was a native of Maryland, while the mother was born in Ohio. In 1848 or 1849 Joseph Tomlinson came to Iowa, taking up his home in Canton, where for several years he followed his trade as a blacksmith. Later he engaged in farming upon the place now occupied by his son, but twelve years ago, after having obtained a gratifying com-

petence for his expenditure of time and labor, he felt justified in retiring from active life. Then he took up his residence in Onslow, which is still his home.

J. A. Tomlinson was reared under the parental roof and was enrolled as a student in the local public schools, from which he derived substantial training for life. As he grew to manhood he was able to enter more and more into the work of the home farm until finally he and his father operated it in conjunction. The partnership existed until about twelve years ago, when the older man retired, leaving J. A. Tomlinson with the full responsibilities of the place. It is a tract embracing two hundred acres, situated on sections 1 and 2, Madison township, and is rightly accounted one of the finest farms in Jones county, for few places give such bountiful returns for the labor expended upon them. To be sure Mr. Tomlinson has spared no effort to make himself prominent as an agriculturist so that, perhaps, as much to his industry as to the natural richness of the soil are to be attributed the large harvests which he reaps each season.

In January, 1883, Mr. Tomlinson was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Montague, of Michigan, whose home was near Benton Harbor, and one son, L. J., has been born to them. Mr. Tomlinson has not seen fit to give his allegiance exclusively to one political party, but as he is interested in questions of public moment he investigates them and, after having deeply considered them from different points of view, he feels he is competent to render his judgment. Accordingly his vote is usually cast for the man who is worthy of support rather than for the candidate who perhaps has little to recommend him save that he is his party's choice. This independence of judgment is but one phase of the progressive spirit which has dominated the course of his life and has contributed as much as his unremitting industry to the winning of the good fortune in which all of his fellow citizens as well as himself may take a pride.

JOHN HUGHES.

The agricultural interests of Washington township find a worthy representative in John Hughes, who was born in Jones county on the 4th of November, 1857, and is the eldest in a family of four sons born unto Peter and Ann Hughes, the others being Patrick, Michael and Thomas. The father, who was born in Ireland in 1827, was reared in his native land, and there acquired his education, most of which was gleaned through observation and experience. He came to America while still a young man in his teens, with the hope of here finding better opportunities for advancement in business lines than were offered across the waters. He first located in New Orleans where for about ten years he was engaged as a laborer. He then came to Jones county, Iowa, taking up his abode on a farm in Washington township, where he continued to reside until his demise, which occurred on the 27th of June, 1909. He was very successful in his agricultural pursuits and as the years passed was able to add to his original purchase, which consisted of eighty acres, until he became one of the largest land owners in his section of the county, accumulating nine hundred acres, which property is now divided among his four sons. He was a democrat in politics and a

faithful member of the Temple Hill Catholic church. In 1856 he had married Ann Hughes, who was also a native of Ireland, coming to America in early life.

John Hughes, whose name introduces this review, spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and is indebted to the public-school system of Jones county for the educational advantages he enjoyed. He early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and upon attaining his majority wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He has since devoted himself to agriculture and in this line of activity has been very successful. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead, where he carries on general farming, practicing rotation of crops and making a thorough study of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. The land is naturally rich and fertile and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it.

Mr. Hughes was united in marriage in 1901 to Miss Julia Sorell, and their union has been blessed with one daughter, who was born on the 24th of October, 1902, and is the light and life of the household. Mrs. Hughes is a daughter of John and Mary Sorel, the former a native of France, where his birth occurred in 1813. He passed away in 1895. The mother was born in Ireland and in New Orleans gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Sorel. They remained in that city for about two years and then came direct to Jones county, Iowa, taking up their abode in Washington township, where their remaining days were spent. The old homestead is still owned and occupied by the children.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the Catholic church at Temple Hill and is deeply interested in the work thereof. Politically he has supported the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he does all in his power to further its influence throughout the community although he is not an aspirant for public office as a reward for party fealty. He is public-spirited in his citizenship and his influence is ever found on the side of improvement, advancement, progress and reform. He has great reverence for the good name and upright life of his father, whose high principles and honorable manhood served as an excellent example for his family, and his own record has ever been a most creditable one, he being recognized as a worthy son of an honored father.

E. E. BROWN.

About twenty years ago E. E. Brown relinquished the heavy cares of an agricultural life and retired to the village of Onslow. His has been a life of many varied experiences for he was one of the young men whose ambitions were fired by the report of the finding of gold in California and who left their New England homes confident that in a few months they could make more in the west land than through a lifetime of toil upon the farm. He was born in Springfield, Vermont, March 30, 1828, and is a son of Enos and Hannah (Griswold) Brown. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers had fought for the independence of the colonies in the American Revolution so that the stories of that conflict



EMERSON E. BROWN

which people of today accept unthinkingly as a part of the history of the world, had for him a meaning closely connected with the memories of his childhood. His parents were natives of Vermont and died in that state, having reared a family of eight children, only four of whom now survive: Samuel, who lives in Vermont; E. E., the subject of this sketch; Leverett, who is residing in Dallas county, Iowa; and Helen, who is the widow of A. L. Robinson and is now living in Los Angeles, California.

Until he was twenty-one years of age E. E. Brown remained at home, working with his father upon the farm, and then in the city of Springfield learned the trade of a molder, at which he worked for one year. About that time, the rumor of the discovery of gold in California reached his home and with seven other young men he embarked upon a steamship which would carry them to the new country. On the 13th of April, 1850, the vessel put out to sea and in September arrived in the port of San Francisco, having taken one hundred and forty-two days to make the journey. They had counted on requiring only forty days and had accordingly provisioned for sixty days from Panama to San Francisco, but they were delayed by bad weather and head winds, so that their eatables had been exhausted for some time ere they reached their destination and an almost starved band of men set foot on the western shore of this continent. Immediately upon his arrival Mr. Brown began prospecting for gold, with such success that during the two years and eight months he remained there he accumulated twenty-five hundred dollars. With this he returned to Vermont and, after spending the summer with his parents, started west to look for a home. He left Vermont August 28, 1853, made his way across the country to Kane county, Illinois, stopping for a short time in St. Charles, where he had some friends. Next he went to Springfield, that state, then after a few days to Alton, whence he took a boat for Dubuque, Iowa. From there he came to Jones county, locating upon a farm in Clay township. It consisted of two hundred and sixty acres and was at that time in the first stages of its development, for the only building upon it was a log house, the home of its previous owner. It was also the abode of Mr. Brown for about three years, when he built the frame house in which he lived until 1875. Then he erected the fine brick residence in which he looked forward to spending the remaining years of his life, but in 1889 he decided to give up the active pursuit of farming and to retire to Onslow, where he had put up a fine house in which he has since lived.

After the inauguration of the Civil war Mr. Brown enlisted in Company H, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served one year in the conflict, participating in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, and several skirmishes, but he remembers most distinctly his experiences as a member of Sherman's army on its historic march to the sea.

On the 7th of November, 1853, Mr. Brown wedded Miss Gracia Allbee, who was born in Vermont and was a daughter of William and Lucretia (Johnson) Allbee, both natives of that New England state and both now deceased. Eight children have been born to this union: Forrest W., who is living in Nebraska; Prairie E., a resident of Garnett, Kansas; Mary E., and Ada L., deceased; Leverett E., of Jones county; Carlton E., of Chicago, Illinois; Gracia S., deceased; and Jessie Helen, who lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he affiliates with the republicans, the party which supported the nation in her hour of need and has been well known in the public affairs of this township, for he served as trustee for five years, acted as assessor for nine years, and for five years was the county supervisor. In short, in looking over the record of his life, it is seen that he is a man who has ever been on the alert to distinguish himself, from the days of his youth when he sought to find a fortune in the west, during the war when he sought for an occasion to prove his patriotism and then in the arts of peace, in which he won a reputation as a successful tiller of the soil. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Wyoming, Iowa, and for twenty years his wife has been prominently connected with the Relief Corps, having served as vice president of the organization. They have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Jones county.

LUCIUS J. ROSE.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on sections 5 and 6, Hale township, pays tribute to the care and labor of Lucius J. Rose. A native of Jones county, Iowa, he was born in Madison township on the 2d of February, 1863, a son of Lucius K. and Elizabeth E. (Reynolds) Rose. The parents were both born in New York, the father being a native of Otsego and the mother of Cortland county. They were married in the Empire state and in 1854 came west to Jones county, Iowa, the father entering land on sections 31 and 32, Madison township. There they resided until 1887, in which year removal was made to Linn county, where they made their home for eight years. At the expiration of that period they returned to Jones county, locating in Olin, where they spent their remaining days. The father, who had conducted a jewelry establishment in New York, took up agricultural pursuits on his arrival in Iowa, first entering one hundred and sixty acres and later purchasing forty acres, so that at the time of his demise he was the owner of two hundred acres of fine farm land. He passed away on the 7th of February, 1903, when seventy-six years of age, while his wife's death occurred in July, 1890, when sixty-eight years old. In their family were five children, namely: Cornelia, the wife of F. F. Burch, of Olin; Eliza M., the wife of M. E. Keller, of Cuba, New York; Lucius J., of this review; Electa A., who wedded Addison Barton, of Salem, Missouri; and Mary L., the wife of E. E. Myers, of Hale township.

Lucius J. Rose, whose name initiates this review, spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and with the exception of eight years spent in Mount Vernon, his entire life has been passed in Jones county. He attended the district schools of this county in the acquirement of his education, and when not engaged with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his aid until he attained his majority. He then engaged in business on his own account, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He has since been engaged in general farming and that he is winning a creditable degree of prosperity in his under-

taking is probably due to the fact that he has concentrated his energies upon his agricultural pursuits and has not sought to enter other channels of activity. His present farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land located on sections 5 and 6, all of which is in excellent condition and responds readily and abundantly to the care bestowed upon it. The appearance of the place indicates that its owner is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and the success which he today enjoys indicates clearly the business ability and good management which he has displayed.

It was in 1896 that Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss May Freeman, who was born in Story county, Iowa, on the 9th of August, 1869, a daughter of H. C. and Ann (Patten) Freeman. Her parents were among the early pioneer settlers of Jones county who, after leaving the county for a time, returned in 1871 and have since made their home in Olin. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rose has been blessed with eight children who are as follows: Nina Blanch, Marjorie M., Ronald F., Erma, Pauline, L. J., Jr., Roscoe and Hannibal C. In his political views Mr. Rose is a republican, although he does not seek nor desire public office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to the conduct of his business affairs. Having spent almost their entire lives in this county Mr. and Mrs. Rose are widely and favorably known here and have gained the warm regard and esteem of all with whom they have been associated.

HANS JURGENSEN.

The prosperity of any community depends largely upon the enterprise of its business men for in their hands rests the commercial importance of the place. The Olin Lumber Company is a concern which has been well developed through the prowess and foresightedness of its members, Hans and Fred Jurgensen and W. D. Hart. The senior member, Hans Jurgensen, was born in Hadstedt, Schleswig, Germany, February 20, 1863, a son of Frederick and Annie (Carstens) Jurgensen, natives of the above named place. The mother died when seventy years of age, but the father is still living and resides in Germany. During his active life he was a horse and cattle dealer and stockman. There were eight children in the family as follows: Claus, a resident of Hale township; Christ E., of St. Paul, Minnesota; Hans, of this review; Henry, of St. Paul; Dora, the wife of Cornelius Anderson, of Rome township; Lucy, the wife of Fred Peterson, of Anamosa; Max, of St. Paul; and Richard, of Germany. Hans was the first to come to the United States, and then, as he could, he sent for the others, all but Richard who has remained in Germany.

Hans Jurgensen worked in a hotel and on a farm in Germany during the summer months and went to school in the winter. In 1883 he came to this country, and in Chicago found employment with a gardener at ten dollars per month. At the end of the first month he left and went to Minnesota, where an uncle was living in the vicinity of Stillwater, and there he worked during a summer. The following summer, in 1884, he came to Jones county, Iowa, and this has since been his home. For two and one-half years he worked by the month and then

he rented land for farming purposes. This continued for some years, he renting in Hale and Rome townships, and then he bought property in Olin and opened a saloon. After operating it for about seven years he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres one and one-half miles southwest of Olin, where he now resides. On January 1, 1906, Mr. Jurgensen established his lumber business and operated it alone for a time, but later took in his son Fred and in 1908 he also admitted W. D. Hart to the firm and the three now conduct it as the Olin Lumber Company. In addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Jurgensen feeds stock, raises hay and grain, doing a general farming and stock-raising business.

On March 13, 1887, Mr. Jurgensen married Minnie Peters, who was born in Lubse, Mecklenburg, Germany, November 6, 1868, being brought to the United States by her father, Fred Peters, in 1883, the mother having previously died. Eight children have been born of this marriage, namely: Fred, John, Max, August, Louis, Hattie, Eddie and Minnie.

Mr. Jurgensen came to the United States without money and entirely alone. He knew little or nothing of the new language, but he possessed a firmness of purpose, a love of work and a knowledge of saving, and he is now one of the substantial men of his community and the head of one of the flourishing concerns of Olin. All this has been gained through hard work and strict integrity, and he deserves the respect and confidence which he commands.

SMITH JAMES.

Smith James is one of the prosperous farmers of Madison township, and, as it is popularly said in the phrase of the field, has the faculty of making two blades of grass grow where another man could with difficulty raise one. He was born in this township, November 6, 1867, and is the son of J. W. James, who has retired from the active pursuit of farming and lives in the town of Wyoming, Iowa.

Smith James was reared at home and after completing the course of study prescribed by the common schools continued his education in the Wyoming high school. His lessons over, he returned to the farm and for a number of years assisted his father in the cultivating of his fields, until, having married, he was desirous of establishing a home of his own. His father thereupon left the old homestead for another farm he owned in Madison township and rented to his son the place he now owns and occupies. In 1895 Smith James was able to purchase the land of his father, which brought his holdings up to two hundred and forty acres, for he had already bought eighty acres which adjoined the home place on the northeast corner. From the beginning he put his agricultural operations on a scientific basis, sparing no pains to obtain the best results from the soil that is his. The wealth of the harvests have justified all his labor and the fertility of the soil, which rather increases than diminishes under his system of cultivation, attests the wisdom of his science.

In 1893 Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Crew, of Lineville, Iowa. Seven children have been born to the couple, six of whom survive: Cecil

W., Hugh L., Edward R., Paul J., Wesley A. and Mary N. The family are members of the Free Methodist church, in which Mr. James is a trustee, and are diligent in their attendance at its services. Their lives, too, bear testimony to the practical value of its teachings. Politically Mr. James affiliates with the prohibitionists, being thoroughly in sympathy with the majority of the principles of their platform. It is by his work, however, that he is judged, and when it is remembered that he feeds as many as two carloads of cattle each year and that his fields in every way are a model for those engaged in like pursuit, the inevitable inference is convincing—that though unremitting toil may accomplish many things and good management point the way to a substantial income, the greatest success comes from the union of these things and a mind which is progressive, determined to profit by the experience and knowledge of others and able to utilize scientific methods.

MILTON BYERLY.

Many of the most successful farmers of Jones county are those who in younger years devoted some of their time to teaching school, thus gaining a broader outlook on life and an understanding of human nature. They have learned the value of a thorough comprehension of any line of work and when they turned their full attention to farming it was with the idea of profiting by the experience of others. One of the men who has been both school teacher and farmer is Milton Byerly, residing on section 4, Jackson township, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, January 30, 1844, and was brought to Jones county by his parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Byerly, in 1846. The family located in Jackson township and for many years assisted other pioneers in the work of improvement.

Milton Byerly received more than the average education afforded the farmer's son, for after he had attended the common school he entered Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and also took a commercial course in Iron City College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. For eighteen winters he taught school in Jones county and farmed in the summer, becoming one of the best known educators of his locality. He made his home with his parents until his brother John was married and then he farmed in partnership with him. This association continued until Mr. Byerly was married, when he settled on his own farm. His present farm, located on sections 4 and 5, Jackson township, cost him fifty dollars an acre but it is now worth much more owing to the work he has put upon it as well as his many improvements. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, and his property shows the results of his good management and knowledge of his business. In addition to this farm Mr. Byerly owns one hundred and sixty acres in San Luis Valley, Colorado.

In 1882 Mr. Byerly married Marie J. Johnson, who was born in Fairview township, Jones county, March 25, 1863, a daughter of the Rev. J. H. and Katherine (Bowlby) Johnson, natives of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Johnson was a clergyman of the Christian church and came here in 1860. In addition to his pastoral

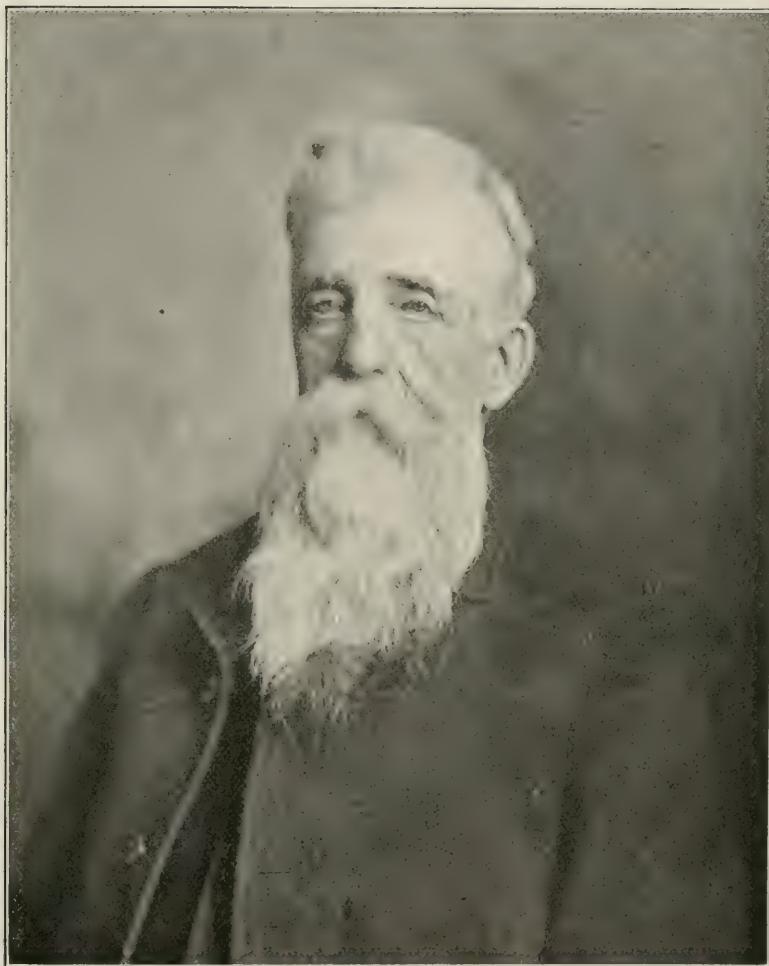
duties, he also engaged in farming and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives here.

A stanch supporter of the principles of democracy, Mr. Byerly has held all of the important township offices, including those of township clerk and assessor and is now township committeeman. As a public official, a business man or an educator Mr. Byerly has always done his full duty as he has seen it, and has won the confidence and respect of those with whom he has been brought into contact. For a number of years he has been a member of the United Brethren church at Antioch, and is one of the liberal contributors to that body. He and his wife had charge of the music in that church for a quarter of a century. For a year and a half they made their home in Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT CLARK.

Robert Clark, who is one of the most extensive landowners in Scotch Grove township, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of November, 1834, and is a son of David and Margaret (Bell) Clark, both natives of the Keystone state. There the father died in 1853, after which the mother came to Jones county, Iowa, arriving here in 1856, where her remaining days were passed. She was the mother of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of John Gibson, residing in Monticello, Iowa; Margaret J., the widow of James Dawson, now making her home in Boston with her son; Robert, of this review; and five who have passed away.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of daily life for Robert Clark through the period of his boyhood and early youth, which was spent in his native county, and to the public schools of Pennsylvania he is indebted for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. At the early age of seventeen years he started out to earn his own livelihood, at first being employed as a farm hand. In 1854, when twenty years of age, he came to Jones county and here worked as a hired hand on the farm which later became his home, and upon which he now resides. Two years later, in 1856, he purchased forty acres in Wayne township, for which he paid seventy-five cents per acre, and a year later invested in eighty acres adjoining his original purchase. This tract of one hundred and twenty acres he improved and put in good condition, after which he sold it and bought his present farm. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land located on section 20 which, under the careful and wise management of Mr. Clark has been brought under a high state of cultivation. As the years have come and gone he has been able to add to his original purchase, so that the home farm now comprises three hundred and forty acres. He is also the owner of twelve hundred and twenty acres on sections 1, 2, and 3, Scotch Grove township, constituting him one of the most extensive landowners in his section of the county. Aside from his present possessions he has given his oldest son a good farm. He is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and has always been a large stock raiser and shipper. He has become very successful



ROBERT CLARK

in his business ventures, industry, energy and close application being salient elements in the gratifying degree of prosperity which he today enjoys.

Mr. Clark laid the foundation for a happy home life in his marriage in 1877 to Miss Alicia Warner, a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, who came to Jones county with her parents in the early '50s. She is one of the six children born unto Paul and Mary (Hannah) Warner, the former having now passed away and while the latter still survives at the advanced age of eighty-two years and makes her home with our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born four children, namely: Margaret B., at home, who is a graduate of Coe College, of Cedar Rapids, and for several years has been engaged in teaching; Mary Alice, who is also a school teacher and makes her home with her parents; R. P., residing in this township, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; and William B., still under the parental roof. The entire family are members of the Presbyterian church and are prominent in the social circles of the community, their home being a favorite resort with a large number of warm friends.

Mr. Clark gives his political allegiance to the republican party, having supported that organization since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as supervisor and also as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion, while in all matters of citizenship he is ever loyal and public-spirited. Starting out at an early age to earn his own living, without any specially favorable advantages at the outset of his career, he has steadily worked his way upward in the business world, realizing at all times that there is no royal road to wealth and that success can be most quickly and surely secured through unfaltering perseverance and close application. Industry, energy and integrity have characterized him throughout his entire life and have made him one of the valued and representative farmers and successful business men of Scotch Grove township

J. C. BALSTER.

J. C. Balster is one of the representative farmers of Scotch Grove township, his home place comprising one hundred and sixty acres, which is the old family homestead. He was born on this farm December 2, 1869, a son of Arend and Mary (Jacobs) Balster, who were natives of Hanover, Germany, whence they emigrated to the new world in 1854. After arriving in the new world they made their way to Michigan, where they lived for thirteen years, and in July, 1867, removed to Jones county and located on the farm on which our subject now makes his home. The father is a shipbuilder by trade and throughout much of his life has engaged in that work. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: George H., deceased; Mary, the wife of Johnson Poppey, of Jones county; Anna, who has also departed this life; Louise, the wife of Fred Plueger, of Jones county; and J. C. of this review. The mother passed away in 1895, but the father is still living and makes his home on the farm with his son J. C. He is highly respected in the community and has ever taken a deep interest in his

adopted country and in this section of the state where he has so long made his home.

J. C. Balster, the immediate subject of this review, was educated in the common schools near his father's home and he assisted in the work of the farm during the periods of vacation. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade and followed that pursuit for several years. He is now giving his attention to farming, making a specialty of stock raising, feeding horses, cattle and hogs. For the past sixteen years he has operated a threshing machine and in this connection has become widely known in various sections of the county. In all branches of his business he is meeting with success and is numbered among Jones county's most representative citizens.

Mr. Balster was married in January, 1892, to Miss Gecena Heyen, who was born in Germany and accompanied a brother to the new world in 1888. The family numbers three sons and four daughters, Arend, Mary, Anna, Robert, Louisa, Louis and Johanna. The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active part. Having spent his entire life in Jones county, Mr. Balster is not unknown to many of our readers and his worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged.

EDWARD JACKSON HEAD.

Edward Jackson Head, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist of Cass township, Jones county, where he owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and forty acres, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 22d of August, 1852. He is a son of W. A. and Ann Head, both natives of England, where the former was born in 1812 and the latter in 1818. They were married across the waters and came to Iowa in 1850, locating in Clinton. The father was a carpenter, cabinet-maker and upholsterer, and followed that line of activity after his arrival in this country, while he also devoted some time to farming. He and his wife both passed away in Jackson county, Iowa, his death occurring when he had reached the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey, while his wife was called to her final rest at about the same age. Their family consisted of eight children, namely: Ann Gregory, of Dewitt, Iowa; Ellen, who married Walter Johnson and resides in Rock Island, Illinois; W. A., deceased, who served for two years in the Civil war as a member of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry; George, who has also passed away; Martha, of Welton, Clinton county, Iowa; Edward Jackson, of this review; John, who makes his home in Jackson county; and Frank, also of that county.

Edward Jackson Head was but a small lad when he removed with his parents to Jackson county, the family home being established near Fulton, and within the borders of that county he was reared to manhood. He acquired his education in the district schools and at the same time assisted his father in the work of the fields, thus acquiring a good knowledge of the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained under the parental roof until 1880, in which year he came to Jones county and for one year was engaged as a farm hand by the

month. He then carried on agricultural pursuits as a renter for a similar period, at the expiration of which time he purchased eighty acres of his present farm, located on section 1. Later he added another eighty-acre tract on section 2 and then sold twenty acres, so that his property today consists of one hundred and forty acres. The soil is naturally rich and productive, and under his careful management has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He has made many improvements upon the place and everything about it indicates that he keeps in touch with the modern spirit of progress.

Mr. Head was united in marriage in 1881 to Miss Sarah Mahala Mayberry, a daughter of Alexander and Jane (Walker) Mayberry, natives of Pennsylvania. She was born in Jackson county, Iowa, in 1856, and passed away in 1900, her loss being mourned by a large number of warm friends. By her marriage with Mr. Head she had become the mother of two children, namely: Nettie Jane, the wife of W. I. Darrow, of Adair county, Iowa, by whom she has one son, Edward; and Mamie Ann, who resides at home with her father.

In politics Mr. Head is a republican, giving stalwart support to the principles of that party, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Monticello. He has gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence in Cass township, his genuine personal worth commanding him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN WILLIAM JAMES.

John William James, one of the early settlers of Madison township and, until he retired from active life, one of its most successful farmers, was born near Harper's Ferry, in what is now Jefferson county, West Virginia, June 16, 1833. He is the son of Walter and Susanna (Ault) James, both natives of Maryland, in which state they grew up and were married, but shortly after their union they removed to West Virginia. In 1855 they came west to Iowa, locating in Jones county, where Walter James procured a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township. He paid but two dollars and a half an acre for the property for it was virgin soil which he had to prepare for cultivation. There he built the log house which served him as a home for many years. In 1860 his wife died and several years later he sold the farm and removed to Wyoming, Iowa, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1893 in his eighty-ninth year. He was a lifelong democrat, though never an office-seeker. He took a real interest in community affairs, however, and for a number of years was a member of the school board, using his influence to advance the cause of education in Jones county. In the words and deeds of their daily lives both he and his wife were consistent Christians, finding their religious guidance in the Methodist faith.

John Williams James was reared at home and acquired his education in the district schools of his native place and upon the home farm under the guidance of his father. He was a young man when his parents came to Iowa and for two years he participated in the rugged life of the pioneers. In 1857, however,

he went to Maryland to wed the woman he had chosen for his wife. Until 1865 he remained in the east, working by the month, for the most part in West Virginia, and then came west, reaching Jones county, Iowa, November 3 of that year. For about two years he worked for various men by the month and then purchased eighty acres in Madison township for ten dollars an acre. As he had only one hundred dollars with which to make the first payment, he rented the farm to another man, and shortly after traded the land for a piece of property adjoining. There he resided for about four years when he again traded, obtaining the farm on which his son Smith James lives today. It was his home until 1893, when, on the occasion of his son's marriage, he went to live on another farm about one mile west of the old place. In 1899 he relinquished the heavier of life's cares and retired to Wyoming, Iowa, which has since been his home.

On the 1st of March, 1857, Mr. James was married to Miss Martha Ann Smith, a native of Sharpsburg, Maryland, where the battle of Antietam, one of the important engagements of the Civil war, was fought. Of this union there have been born five children, four of whom now survive. Eleanora, the eldest, became the wife of O. H. Peck, a farmer and stockman of Madison township. Kate married George W. Mead, who lives near Anamosa, this county. Smith, is accorded extended mention in another part of this volume. John W. is a resident of Aurora county, South Dakota.

At one time Mr. James owned three hundred and thirty acres of some of the richest land in this locality and well improved. He has disposed of all save a small piece of timber land, however, for he felt that to be the wiser policy since his active farming days were over. But he is still the successful agriculturist in the minds of his friends and neighbors, who say that he, more than any other man, had the skill to renew the fertility of the soil and to win from it the most bountiful harvests. Highly respected, he was one to whom the people would turn naturally for their leader in political and public affairs, but aside from filling the position of school director for a number of terms he constantly refused to accept any office tendered him. His political ideas accorded with the platform of the prohibition party, while he and his wife worshiped with the Methodist Episcopal church.

ARTHUR LISTER.

In the history of Jones county's representative and progressive citizens mention should be made of Arthur Lister, one of the owners of the Ridgewood Stock Farm, a valuable property of four hundred acres in Fairview township. The place is pleasantly and conveniently located within three miles of Anamosa and here Mr. Lister has spent his entire life, having erected a nice residence on the farm just across the road from his brother's home. He was born in 1872 and spent his boyhood and youth on the farm where he now lives, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. After arriving at years of maturity he joined his brother Thomas in business and they are now the owners of an excellent farm

property of four hundred acres, the Ridgewood Stock Farm being regarded as one of the representative interests of this character in the county. The place is well equipped with large barns and sheds, giving ample shelter for grain and stock, and they handle cattle and horses of high grades, while their shipments are now quite extensive.

On the 13th of April, 1908, Mr. Lister was united in marriage to Miss Janet McLean, a daughter of Alexander and Christina McLean, both of whom are natives of Scotland. They came to America in early life and have here since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Lister have a hospitable home, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Lister belongs to Anamosa Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and is a republican, with firm faith in the principles of the party but without desire for office. He and his brother are numbered among the most progressive and successful farmers of Jones county and are highly esteemed as honorable and worthy citizens.

DAVID STANTON.

David Stanton, a prosperous member of the agricultural community of Washington township, was born upon the place where he now lives in the year 1857. His father, William Stanton, was born in Ireland in 1815 and came to Washington township, Jones county, Iowa, in 1838, settling upon part of what is now known as the Stanton homestead. It was raw land when he first obtained it, but through the diligent cultivation to which he subjected it the farm soon became one of the most fertile in the locality, returning such large rewards for his expenditure of time and labor that in the course of years he was able to increase its area to two hundred and forty acres. Although he enjoyed a gratifying income himself he was not permitted to see his sons win a success of equal proportion, for he died in 1864, leaving a widow and nine children. Only five of these are now alive, but Mrs. Stanton was allowed to witness the advancement of her sons, and had the cheerful knowledge that they were well established in life. She had been Miss Mary Gunand in her maidenhood, was born in Paris, France, in 1818, and died in 1894, about half a century after she had linked her fortune with those of her husband.

Associated as his home has been with the dearest memories of childhood and youth and with the first endeavors of young manhood, David Stanton could not find it possible to part with the homestead. And yet there are other reasons beside those of sentiment to make him satisfied with his father's investment. The religious, educational, moral and social advantages of Washington township are unexcelled in rural life. As the eldest of the sons at home considerable of the responsibility for its operation devolved upon his shoulders even during the period when he was a pupil in the district school, for he was only seven years of age when his father died. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres devoted to general farming, and at one time he was also dealing in horses, but recently he has given up that part of his business. He has, however, achieved a pronounced and gratifying success in his work, so that he well deserves the

name of being one of the more prosperous men of a community in which the energetic and industrious have won rich rewards for their labor.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Stanton was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Curran, a daughter of Timothy Curran. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Annetta, born in 1892; Viola, in 1895; Harriett, in 1897; Johanna, in 1899; William, in 1901; Ellena, in 1903; and David, in 1908. For almost fifty years, the citizens of Washington township have witnessed the steady advancement of Mr. Stanton along the treacherous road of life. While they have seen his many endeavors meet with unequivocal success, they have also noted that it was by his own efforts that he has prospered, and that in his work, or his achievements there has been nothing that need be withheld from their gaze. In consequence they are unanimous in according him praise as a farmer and fellow citizen.

NICHOLAS C. HOLST.

Nicholas C. Holst is a well known and successful agriculturist of Scotch Grove township and in association with his brother, Cornelius M., owns and operates a highly improved and valuable farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 6th of October, 1881, his parents being Nicholas and Sabina (Hansen) Holst, both of whom were natives of Germany.

When a young man of eighteen years the father crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand until the outbreak of the Civil war. Joining the army, he loyally fought for the interests of the Union during a period of four years, participating in many hotly contested engagements. When hostilities had ceased he returned to Clinton county, where he purchased a tract of forty acres of timber land, while later he bought one hundred and twenty acres more, making his home thereon until 1884. In that year he disposed of the property and came to Jones county, purchasing a farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres in Scotch Grove township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his attention throughout the remainder of his life. He also became the owner of another tract of four hundred and eighty acres and was widely recognized as one of the most extensive landowners and prosperous agriculturists of the county. His demise occurred on the 25th of November, 1906, and his wife had been called to her final rest on the 24th of April of the same year. Their children were three in number, as follows: Anna, the wife of John H. Reimers, of Jones county; Nicholas C., of this review; and Cornelius M., who is in partnership with his brother.

Nicholas C. Holst and his brother, Cornelius M., both obtained their education in the common schools and when not busy with their text-books assisted in the work of the home place, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. They now own and operate the old home-stead farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres in Scotch Grove township and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, they



MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS HOLST

also make a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds, both branches of their business proving a gratifying source of remuneration to them.

On the 29th of April, 1908, Nicholas C. Holst was united in marriage to Miss Toni M. Rohwedder, a native of Madison township, this county, and a daughter of John H. Rohwedder, who is mentioned on another page of this volume.

Politically the Holst brothers are stalwart advocates of the democratic party. They are young men of enterprise, unfaltering energy and good business ability and have a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which they have spent practically their entire lives.

S. M. LORENZEN.

S. M. Lorenzen, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Jones county, belongs to that class of representative American citizens who claim Germany as the land of their nativity and who in the new world have found opportunity for advancement and progress. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein on the 15th of May, 1843, his parents being Barney and Helen Lorenzen, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland, where the father was a laborer. The subject of this review was next to the youngest in a family of three sons and two daughters. One brother, N. B., came to the United States and passed away in Ohio.

In the common schools of his native country S. M. Lorenzen acquired his education and he remained under the parental roof until the year 1865, when, having previously heard rumors concerning the good opportunities offered in the new world, and thinking to find better business advantages in this country, he crossed the Atlantic and upon his arrival in America came direct to Iowa, locating in Clinton county. He was employed by the month as a farm hand, continuing in that capacity until 1881, when he came to Jones county, locating in Oxford township, where for fifteen years he carried on agricultural pursuits as a renter. That he was industrious, persevering and thrifty is indicated by the fact that at the expiration of that period he had accumulated sufficient means wherewith to purchase a farm of his own, and he now owns a fine farming property of two hundred and forty acres on sections 31 and 32, Hale township, and ten acres of timber land located three miles north of the farm. The unceasing effort and intelligently directed diligence of Mr. Lorenzen have made of his place a highly cultivated farm, the appearance of which indicates a spirit of progress and thrift upon the part of the owner. In its midst stand good buildings and it is equipped with all of the modern accessories of a model farm, most of the improvements having been placed thereupon by our subject.

It was in the year 1878 that Mr. Lorenzen was united in marriage to B. Johanna Christophersen, who was born in 1859 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and came alone to the United States about 1871. Unto this union have been born six children, namely: Helena, the wife of Rudolph C. Dethman, of Hale township; Julius B., at home; Anna, the wife of Jacob Levesen, also residing in this township; Amanda, Bernhart and Louis, all at home.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Lorenzen has given stalwart allegiance to the democracy, and is serving as a school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. He has never found occasion to regret his determination to seek his fortune in this country, for here where individual effort is unhampered by caste or class he has attained a most creditable degree of success so that he is numbered among the substantial and representative farmers of his section of the county.

P. E. STRONG.

Among the progressive farmers for which Madison township is distinguished is P. E. Strong, who was born in Scotland, March 28, 1852, and is the only son of Peter and Margaret (Smith) Strong. His father dying shortly after his birth, his mother joined her parents and brothers and sisters when, in 1855, they set out to make a home for themselves in the United States. They settled first in Columbiana county, Ohio, and then, three years later, came to this county, locating near Center Junction. There Mrs. Strong met and married Andrew McDonald, and P. E. Strong was taken by an uncle, Peter Strong, by whom he was reared to manhood.

The education P. E. Strong received in the district schools was amply supplemented by careful training in the cultivation of the soil to which his uncle subjected him, so that when, at the age of twenty-three, he was anxious to embark in business for himself he was fully equipped to meet the problems that would confront him and to attain a marked success in his chosen line of work. Until 1897 he farmed as a renter and then purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, a fine tract of land, known in earlier years as the Sommerby homestead. On it he pursues a general line of agriculture and has been very successful in his operations, for he has proceeded along scientific lines, has made a study of the soil and the principle of the rotation of crops and has spared no labor nor expense which would contribute to the improvement of his fields and the increase in the value of his crops.

On the 15th of December, 1876, were pronounced the words that made P. E. Strong and Miss Amanda Letze man and wife. At the time of their marriage Mrs. Strong was living in Scotch Grove, this county, but she was a native of Pennsylvania, which was the home of her parents until after the close of the Civil war when they came to Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Strong have been born five children: Mary Ellen, who lives at home; William E., who is a farmer of Madison township; John D., also a farmer of that township; and Edna May and Hattie Ruth, who are at home. Mr. Strong, his wife and eldest daughter are members of the Presbyterian church and are active in its work. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of the Wyoming Camp, No. 183, of the latter organization. His sympathies in political matters are with the republican party, and he is ever stanch in his support of its candidates, but he is not an office seeker. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of his township,

whose life, filled with earnest endeavor, has won the respect of his fellowmen, while his success, the result of his own efforts, has gained for him their admiration. Frugal, industrious and progressive, he stands for the best type of agriculturist of today.

FRED JURGENSEN.

Some of the best business houses have both father and son as partners and such associations have constantly proved desirable, the experience of the elder man fusing well with the energy and enterprise of the younger. The Olin Lumber Company is one of the firms thus constituted, two of its owners being father and son, Hans and Fred Jurgensen. The latter was born in Hale township, August 30, 1887, a son of Hans and Minnie (Peters) Jurgensen. He resided on the farm until the family removed to Olin and the lad had the advantages offered by the town school. His first work was clerking in the store of Mershon & Son, where he secured a good business training. He then went to Cedar Rapids and took a commercial course there, being graduated in 1904. Returning home, he entered the lumber business with his father, the two conducting it as Jurgensen & Son for three years, but when W. D. Hart was admitted to partnership, the name was changed to The Olin Lumber Company, which it still bears.

Mr. Jurgensen married Tessie Chase in December, 1905. She was born in Cedar county, April 17, 1888, and lived with her grandparents until her marriage, as she was an orphan. Mr. and Mrs. Jurgensen have a little daughter, Norma Ellen, born May 30, 1909, the darling of her grandfather's heart.

Mr. Jurgensen is justly numbered among the enterprising young business men of Jones county. He understands his business and knows how to conduct it successfully. Much of the active management falls to his share and he is proving his ability to handle large contracts to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

MICHAEL BERGER.

Though not one of Iowa's native farmers and one who has taken up his present occupation comparatively late in life, Michael Berger has been successful beyond the average and by his work has added to the reputation of Madison township, as a progressive agricultural locality. He was born October 2, 1860, in Bavaria, Germany, and is the son of George and Catherine (Iseman) Berger, who were also natives of that land and there lived and died. He acquired his education in the public schools of his birthplace, completing the prescribed course of study in the common branches when in his fourteenth year. Thereupon he went to Nurnberg, where he apprenticed himself to a baker that he might learn the trade, which he followed about twenty-two years both in his native land and

in the United States. He served for six weeks in the Laeb regiment at Munich (or Munchin) Bavaria, in 1882. In 1885 he came to America and, after traversing the country, located in Wyoming, Iowa, where he pursued his vocation for some eleven years, but in 1895 began his career as a farmer. For the first nine years he worked on rented land, and then, in 1901, he purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres of the Kinsey Elwood estate and has since resided on it. Endowed with those qualities of industry and frugality which are the proverbial possession of members of his race he has been very successful in his agricultural undertakings and is now one of the substantial men of this community as he was one of its poorest when he came here twenty-four years ago. He still retains his skill as a baker, however, and nearly every fall follows his trade in Anamosa, where the products that come from his hands, and especially the German kuchen he delights to make at Christmas time, are in great demand.

In the year 1888, Mr. Berger married Mrs. Amelia (Grimm) Schullman, of Madison township, a native of Coal Valley, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Berger have been born five children, all of whom live at home. They are John, Emma, Caroline, Walter and Lueverne. By her first marriage Mrs. Berger also had five children: George, a farmer of Madison township; Fred and William, of Omaha, Nebraska; Tillie, the wife of Charles Fiddler, a farmer of Wyoming township; and Ida, who has remained unmarried and lives in Omaha.

Since becoming a citizen of this republic Mr. Berger has supported the democratic party. He is liberal in his political views, however, and at local elections votes for measures and men as he thinks best. He has not aspired to public preferment, though he is vitally interested in the welfare of his townspeople and in advancing educational opportunities in particular. He has served the community by acting as a member of the school board. A man who has been accustomed from his youth to win success, it was for him not an unusual thing to find his agricultural undertakings fraught with so much profit to himself. In his old country home he made bread that was good enough to be placed upon the table of the Emperor and on that of the Iron Chancellor, Bismarck; here the fruits of his labors do not come so directly into the lives of those who know him, but as they see the results of his toil, look at the excellent condition of his fields and regard the substantial income which his harvests bring him, they bestow upon him ungrudgingly their praise and their admiration. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, that being the faith in which they were reared.

T. L. GREEN.

T. L. Green is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and five acres, situated in Scotch Grove township, and to its cultivation he has given his attention for many years. He is a native of Jones county, born February 22, 1855, the second in order of birth in a family of five children, whose parents were Reuben and Maria (Hall) Green. The father was born in Ohio, where he made his home until 1853, when he removed to Jones county and here entered land from the government. He continued to make his home here and to engage in farming

until his demise, on the 28th of March, 1902, when the county lost one of its valued and highly respected pioneer residents. The mother still survives and makes her home in this county. She became the mother of five children: O. E., a resident of Decatur county, Iowa; T. L., of this review; E. A., also of Jones county; Isabel, who has passed away; and Minnie, the wife of George R. Reed, also of Jones county.

T. L. Green was given the advantages of a common-school education and during the periods of vacation was instructed by his father in the work of the home farm and through this means he gained a knowledge of farm life that fitted him for carrying on work on his own account when starting upon an independent business venture. In 1873 he wedded Miss Mabel Debois, who was born in Jones county in 1857. She is one of a family of eleven children born unto Hiram and Fannie (Howard) Debois, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Jones county in 1854 and entered land in Scotch Grove township. Both are now deceased, the father passing away in 1882, while the mother, surviving for many years, departed this life in January, 1904.

Following his marriage Mr. Green continued work with his father on the home farm for several years. Eventually, having carefully saved his earnings, he invested in his present home place, consisting of one hundred and five acres in Scotch Grove township. He has since improved this property and now has a valuable place, while the fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Green has been blessed with six children, namely: Olive, at home; Fannie, who after her graduation at Cedar Falls, engaged in teaching, and is now the wife of W. A. Hicks of Jones county; Gertie, deceased; Alice, who is a graduate of the Onslow schools and is now engaged in teaching; Howard, who is a high-school student; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Green is a democrat in his political views but has filled no public office except that of director of the schools. He is a member of M. W. A. Camp, No. 2120, at Onslow, and he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church. His success has been gained by hard work and strict integrity and he well deserves the respect which he now enjoys.

ALVIN RICKETTS BYERLY.

Alvin Ricketts Byerly, now of Fredonia, Kansas, but for many years a leading farmer of Jackson township, Jones county, Iowa, and a man who participated in many of the incidents surrounding pioneer life in this state, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 4, 1841, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Byerly, a history of whom is given elsewhere in this work. He is the eldest of their six children who grew to maturity and therefore the brunt of the hardships fell upon his shoulders after the family arrived in Jackson township in 1846. Indians were numerous and had to be contended with as well as other wild things, and the boy grew to manhood sturdy and self-reliant because of his struggles, se-

curing such educational advantages as the primitive schools afforded. Later he attended Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa.

When he felt his country had need of his services, Mr. Byerly enlisted September 12, 1862, in Company K, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, at Marion, Iowa, and was sent up the Missouri river to look after hostile Indians. He was in several skirmishes with them and participated in the battle of White Stone Hills, North Dakota, September 3, 1863. On October 1, 1865, he was mustered out at Sioux City, Iowa, with the rank of sergeant.

After these exciting experiences, Mr. Byerly returned home and resumed his farming operations. On August 28, 1862, he married Emarilla Beam, who was born in Indiana in 1845, and was brought to Jones county by her parents, Joseph and Barbara Ann (Fall) Beam. On May 28, 1871, Mr. Byerly went to Wilson county, Kansas, and had the misfortune to lose his wife September 13, of that year. He returned home and in 1873 married Ella Mary Armitage, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1853, and was also brought to Iowa by her parents.

By his first marriage Mr. Byerly had three children, namely: Jennie Josephine, who married M. T. Fleming, of Maquoketa, Iowa, and has three children, Mabel, Parke and Joseph Dale; Joseph Michael, a resident of Jackson township, who married Carrie Benadom and has two children, Ina and Alvin; and Nora May, who married John Landis, of Jackson township, and has two children, Miles and Jennie. There are four children by the second union: Roy, a lumber dealer of Parsons, Kansas, who married Daisy Tarr and has three children, Harold, Keith and Doris; Mabel Imogene, now the wife of Frank Clifford Carter, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Bessie, a photographer at Fredonia, Kansas; and Clifford J., a printer living in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Byerly came to Anamosa in 1846 when there was but one log house here, known as the Lexington Tavern. He returned to Kansas in 1875 and located in Wilson county at a time when Fredonia, now the county seat, was but a postoffice. Several years ago he sold his farm and removed to that city, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest, although for some time he was a dealer in queensware but has now retired from all active business. Like the other members of his family, he is a strong democrat and served as deputy sheriff for four years. Mr. Byerly is a Mason, joining that order in Anamosa in 1872. Although he no longer lives in Jones county, he has a tender spot in his heart for his old home and is always interested in anything that tends toward advancing the interests of his relatives and old neighbors.

ROBERT McCCLAIN CORBIT.

Robert McClain Corbit, of Wyoming, Iowa, third son of John and Eliza Patton Corbit, was born at Weehawken, New Jersey, July 15, 1871.

John Corbit was born in Tobehead, County Derry, Ireland, March 5, 1827, and came to America January 8, 1864. He was the fifth child of John and Elizabeth McMaster Corbit, who likewise were born in County Derry, Ireland. The latter John Corbit was the son of John and Mollie Carr Corbit, who removed



DR. AILEEN B. CORBIT

to Ireland from Scotland at the time of the religious persecution. William Corbit, a half-brother of the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier under Wellington in the battle of Waterloo and had six horses shot under him but the seventh brought its rider through the remainder of the battle without a scratch. The Corbit family are related to the Dale, McMaster, McAllister, Lacock, Brown and other families now living at Kelinkessey, County Derry, Ireland.

Elizabeth McMaster Corbit was a daughter of John and Rebecca Davis McMaster, who also removed from Scotland to Ireland at the time of the religious persecution.

Eliza Patton Corbit was born at Limavaddy, County Derry, Ireland, June 20, 1837, and was the second child in the family of seven children of Thomas and Elizabeth McClain Patton, and was born in the same house as her father, Thomas Patton. Thomas Patton was the oldest son of James and Elizabeth Leslie Patton, of County Derry, Ireland. Elizabeth McClain Patton was the daughter of William and Lettie Allison McClain, of County Derry, Ireland.

Eliza Patton Corbit came to America in April, 1863, and was married to John Corbit, in New York city, November 30, 1865. Four children were born to them, namely: Thomas, born in February, 1867, a farmer now living east of Onslow; William, born December, 1869, a farmer living northwest of Onslow; Robert, born July, 1871, a lawyer of Wyoming; Lettie, who was born September, 1873, and died August 10, 1909.

John Corbit with his wife and four children came to Iowa, September 10, 1881, locating near Onslow in Jones county, Iowa, which place has been their home ever since. John Corbit died November 14, 1901. Eliza Corbit survives and resides on the home farm one mile east of Onslow.

R. M. Corbit attended the public schools at Weehawken, New Jersey, and upon his removal to Jones county, Iowa, also attended the district schools in the Sutton district, Clay township, and the Valley district, Wyoming township. He attended the Onslow school two winters and later entered Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of B. S. While pursuing his studies at college, he engaged in literary work, taking part in the oratorical and debating contests of the college, always being graded high in his work. He was awarded the first prize in a contest debate, receiving the highest per cent from all six judges. He also won the college oratorical contest. He was one of three debaters to represent the college in a debate with the State Normal College. While in college he was local editor of *The Lenox Nutshell*, a college publication, for two years.

In January, 1899, he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated from the three year course in law in June, 1901, with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the Michigan state bar in June, 1901, and in October of the same year he successfully passed the Iowa bar examination and was admitted to practice in the state, and later was admitted to practice in the United States courts. In October, 1901, he began the practice of law at Anamosa, Iowa, having his office with Judge J. S. Stacy. In June, 1902, he removed to Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, where he remained in the practice of law until May, 1903, when he removed to Wyoming, Iowa, where he has continued the

practice of his profession and has steadily grown in the estimation and confidence of the people.

In March 1904, Mr. Corbit was elected treasurer of the town of Wyoming, which office he has held ever since. During his term of office he has systematized the financial affairs of the town, and by his ready grasp of the financial interests of the municipality, he has been able to render the town council valuable assistance, and by his monthly reports keeps the town officials posted on the present financial condition of the treasury. In March, 1906, he was elected a trustee of the Wyoming Cemetery Association, and in the election of officers he was unanimously elected secretary of the association, and this office he still holds. The records of the association were in considerable confusion, the management was without method or system. The affairs of the cemetery association were at once classified and placed on a business basis. Any lot owner or other member of the association can now tell at a glance what his relations are and how his financial account stands, in the records. In March, 1905, Mr. Corbit was elected secretary of the Wyoming Civic League at its organization, and he has been continued in this office. He took an active part in arranging for the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the town in that year and has also done his part in the furtherance of the activities of the league. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church for several years and has been a member of the Presbyterian church since boyhood, having first been a member of the Presbyterian church at Onslow. In politics he is a republican. He has entered into the several campaigns with enthusiasm, and by organization and public addresses has sought to promote the policies of his party.

Mr. Corbit has a ready Irish wit, a keen imagination, a discerning and an analytic mind and a facile pen, all gifts that lead to the making of a good lawyer. He has a splendid voice for public speaking and an easy delivery, which attributes, coupled with the fact that he always has something worth saying, makes him a speaker of no mean ability. As a youth, his future bade fair to be a brilliant one, and the passing years are bringing to a full fruition the promise of his early career. When the publishers of the Jones County History were casting about to determine upon whom should fall the mantle and distinction of being the editor-in-chief of the new history, they were not long in singling out Mr. Corbit, who by his residence in the county since boyhood, by education, by adaptation, by his established ability as a writer and thinker, by his knowledge and grasp of the general affairs of the county in all its phases, was the one man who could lead the historical forces to triumph and victory. How well he has done his work, the perusal of the pages of the first volume of this work will demonstrate and prove that he has fully vindicated the judgment of the publishers and is entitled to the welcome plaudit "Well Done."

On October 22, 1902, R. M. Corbit was married to Aileen Marjory Betteys, at Oxford, Michigan.

Aileen Marjory Betteys Corbit, oldest child of John Wetmore and Clara Crawford Betteys, was born at Oxford, Oakland county, Michigan, October 25, 1877.

John Wetmore Betteys was born at Oxford, Michigan, September 13, 1846, and lived there his entire life, being a farmer by occupation. He was married to Clara Crawford, at Oxford, Michigan, November 30, 1875, by Rev. J. M. Titter-

ington. They lived at Oxford and had two children, Aileen and Mildred, the latter being born April 27, 1885, and is now Mrs. P. E. Dennis, living at Marine City, Michigan. John Wetmore Betteys died at Oxford, Michigan, July 30, 1906. He was the second child of William H. and Nancy Colby Niles Betteys, who were pioneers of Oxford, Michigan. William H. Betteys was born at Charlton, Saratoga county, New York, March 8, 1815. He removed to Oxford, Michigan, in June, 1836, and settled on a farm which he owned the remainder of his life and which is still owned by his heirs, the deed of which land bears the signature of President Martin Van Buren. He was married to Nancy Colby Niles September 20, 1843, at Oxford, Michigan, by Rev. S. Gardner. They celebrated their golden wedding September 20, 1893, the officiating minister, Rev. Gardner, being present. There were eight children, all being born at Oxford, Michigan. William H. Betteys died at Oxford, Michigan, January 9, 1896, after a continuous residence there of more than fifty-nine years. Nancy Colby Niles Betteys was born October 19, 1824, at Pontiac, Michigan, the county seat of Oakland county. She lived in this county all her life and died at Oxford, Michigan, December 25, 1893. She was the only child of Amos and Mehitable Wetmore Niles. Mehitable Wetmore was the daughter of Captain Wetmore who was famed for his bravery and service in the war of 1812.

William H. Betteys was the fourth child of Joseph and Hannah Betsey Fields Betteys. Joseph Betteys was born in Maine, December 9, 1782, and died at Oxford, Michigan, March 10, 1863. He was married to Hannah Betsy Fields, September 14, 1805. She was born in Rhode Island, January 9, 1789. They lived in Charlton, New York, and later moved to Oxford, Michigan. There were five children. Joseph Betteys was the son of Joseph Betteys, who was the son of William, who spelled his name Bettys. Others of the family, spelling the name Bettis, distinguishing themselves as the whigs of the Revolutionary times. Originally the family came from France. But the Betteys' ancestors had more Holland blood, Joseph Betteys Jr., speaking the Dutch language, and his ancestors came from Holland.

Clara Crawford Betteys was born at Oxford, Michigan, April 4, 1849, and died at the same place, February 4, 1903. She was the second child of Calvin and Clarissa Morris Crawford, who were pioneers of Oxford, Michigan, moving from New York State in 1844. They were married December 1, 1844, in Oxford, Michigan, and lived there continuously until their death, the husband July 20, 1905, and the wife June 1, 1908. There were seven children, all of whom were born in Oxford, Michigan.

Calvin Crawford was the son of John Barclay and Elizabeth Thompson Crawford. He was the third child and was born in Crawford, Orange county, New York, September 4, 1818, and came to Oxford, Michigan, in November, 1844. He was a carpenter by trade and in the pioneer days built some of the substantial residences yet in use in Oxford. By his own industry he acquired over one thousand acres of land, six hundred of which are around Oxford, Michigan. On December 1, 1894, they celebrated their golden wedding, all of their children and grandchildren being present. On December 1, 1904, they celebrated their sixtieth anniversary.

Clarissa Morris Crawford was born in Blooming Grove, Orange county, New York, October 6, 1825, and died in Oxford, Michigan, June 1, 1908. She was the eldest child of James B. and Bethia Mowatt Morris and removed with her parents to Michigan in the fall of 1844, where they all lived the remainder of their lives. James B. Morris was born February 20, 1799, in Orange county, New York, and died in Oxford, Michigan, March 20, 1865. He was married to Bethia Mowatt in Blooming Grove, Orange county, New York, January 1, 1825. They had twelve children. Bethia Mowatt was born September 25, 1802, and died at Oxford, Michigan, October 18, 1884.

John Barclay Crawford was the fourth child of John and Sarah Barclay Crawford and was born December 26, 1789, and died January 31, 1852. Elizabeth Thompson Crawford was born March 30, 1794, and died July 3, 1859. She was married to John Barclay Crawford, December 11, 1813. John Crawford was the second child of Samuel and Anna Kidd Crawford and was born at Walkil, Orange county, New York, June 20, 1761, and died November 19, 1834, at the town of Crawford, Orange county, New York. At the age of sixteen years he entered the American army and served in the war of the Revolution throughout the entire struggle for independence. He owned a farm at Crawford, New York.

Sarah Barclay Crawford was born in Montgomery, New Jersey, November 18, 1761, and died at Crawford, New York, February 17, 1838. She was the daughter of James Barclay, who came to America, landing with the Clinton party at Cape Cod in 1729. The Barclay family is of English origin, descending from Sir Alexander de Barclay, who was born in 1326 in Gloucestershire, England.

Samuel Crawford was born June 9, 1732, and was the fifth child of James and Mary Wilkin Crawford, who came from Golen, Scotland, and were married at Enniskillen, Ireland, and came to America in 1718, settling in Orange county, New York. The Crawford family is remotely related to Alexander Hamilton, the mother of Alexander Hamilton being a Crawford, and the name of Alexander has been retained in the family.

John Wetmore Betteys and Clara Crawford Betteys were married at Oxford, Michigan, November 30, 1875, and lived there continuously in the same township all their lives. All their brothers and sisters were born in the same township. All their brothers and sisters who are dead, died there, all their grandparents died there, they died there themselves, and all are buried in the same cemetery at Oxford, Michigan.

Robert McClain Corbit was married to Aileen Marjory Betteys by Rev. J. C. Hageman in the Congregational church, Oxford, Michigan, at noon October 22, 1902. A few days later they came to Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, where they resided until May 18, 1903, when they removed to Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, where they have lived ever since. There is one child, a boy, Clarence John Corbit, born at Wyoming, Iowa, August 24, 1903.

Aileen Betteys Corbit received her education in Michigan. She entered the Oxford (Mich.) union school in the fall of 1887, and was graduated from the high school June 22, 1893, in the first class to graduate from the twelfth grade. She entered the University of Michigan in September, 1898, and was graduated from the medical department, June 19, 1902. In July, 1902, she was admitted to

the practice of medicine in Michigan, and in April, 1903, she passed the Iowa state medical examination at Des Moines with a high mark and was admitted to practice, her Iowa certificate being dated May 21, 1903.

Dr. Aileen Corbit is a member of the Jones County Medical Society, also a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and for a number of years was a member of the American Medical Association. She has held various offices in the county society and has taken an active part in the programs and general maintenance of the association. For several years she was the local health officer. Dr. Corbit is possessed of an unusually bright intellect, and this, added to the fact that she has received a fine education, renders her splendidly equipped for her chosen profession. To the profession of medicine, she has added that of homemaker and motherhood, with no small degree of success. She is of a genial disposition, enjoying the society of her fellow beings, and her home is often the scene of pleasant social functions. She has taken an active part in the literary and social affairs of the town, being a member of the Hawthorne Club, and the Bay View Historical Club, always being ready with her part, faithfully and with exactness performing her duties either on the literary program or in the social function.

JOHN WESLEY RUNDALL.

John Wesley Rundall, a farmer of Greenfield township, is one of the men who can remember when this part of the state presented an appearance far different from the order and prosperity it now displays. He was but two years old when in 1842 his father brought him from his Ohio home and settled upon a farm in Viola, Linn county, Iowa. At that time, and all through his boyhood, the land was wild, covered with forests, inhabited by all kinds of wild game and still the hunting ground of the red man.

He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, January 5, 1840, and was the son of John and Elizabeth (Hall) Rundall. On the farm his father cleared he grew to manhood, assisting the older man in the hard work as soon as he was able, and can well remember the difficulties that attended agriculture in those early days as contrasted with the means employed at present. In 1871 he removed to Greenfield township, Jones county, purchasing the homestead on which he now lives. It consists of one hundred and twenty acres, is situated on section 8, and is well improved and cultivated by up-to-date and progressive methods. On it Mr. Rundall follows general farming and finds his labors well repaid.

On the 31st of January, 1865, Mr. Rundall was united in marriage to Miss Martha Foos, a daughter of Benjamin and Julia (Thompson) Foos, who were the parents of eleven other children, ten boys and one girl: Cephus, deceased; Henry, who lives in Oregon; George, deceased; Shadrach, who was killed in the battle of Shiloh; John W., of Greenfield; James, who lives in Oregon; Oscar, deceased; Robert, living in Nebraska; Amy, living in Linn county, Iowa; Washington, who resides in Nebraska, and Zilla, who lives in California. To Mr. and Mrs. Rundall have been born two children: Benjamin and Docia R., now the

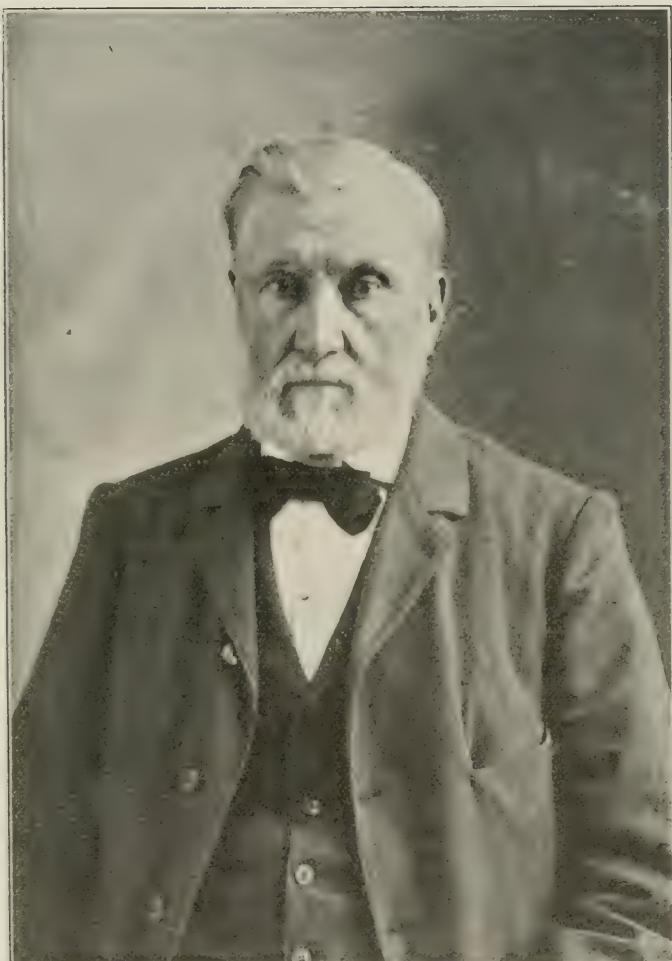
wife of C. C. Miller. Mrs. Rundall died July 29, 1903, and since that date Mr. Rundall has made his home with his son Benjamin on the homestead which he still owns. The son was married May 22, 1902, to Miss Mertie Garretson, and is now the father of three young children: Jennie Elizabeth, born March 7, 1905; John R., born December 6, 1906; and Robert Benjamin, born April 27, 1909.

Mr. Rundall has always been a firm democrat and has believed in the platform of that party. He has not been a politician, however, although he has rendered efficient service as a member of the board of education of Greenfield township. His son is a member of White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K. P., of Martelle, where he has a number of good friends. To hear Mr. Rundall tell of the days of the pioneers one realizes how far we have progressed beyond those early days, and yet is reminded that without their sacrifices and heroism the development that surrounds us would not have been possible.

JOHN FAGAN.

John Fagan, a progressive farmer of Scotch Grove township and one of the representative citizens of Jones county, was born in County Meath, Ireland, April 20, 1844. His parents were Thomas and Mary (O'Brien) Fagan, both natives of the Emerald isle, who came to the United States in 1847. They located first in Jersey City, New Jersey, where Thomas Fagan found employment in a starch factory. There strong traits of character—industry and the capacity to control men—won for him rapid promotion and he became foreman of the plant before he had been there many years. Nine years after his arrival in this country, he came to Iowa, in 1856, taking up his residence in Scotch Grove township, Jones county. He purchased first eighty acres of government land, for which a brother-in-law, Michael O'Brien, had secured a warrant, paying a dollar and a quarter an acre for it. On that farm he engaged in agricultural pursuits with a success that enabled him to add to the original tract from time to time until at his death he owned five hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Jones county. Consequently, in 1898, when his life was brought to a close, in the eighty-first year of his age, he was accounted one of the more prominent agriculturists of his section of the county, able to bequeath to his sons, not only a substantial legacy of land, but also an honored name. His wife passed away a number of years previous to his death, at the age of sixty-eight years.

John Fagan was reared at home, acquiring under his parents' guidance important lessons in the practical affairs of life. He attended the common schools and was graduated from the high school of Monticello with the class of 1868. At the age of twenty-five he began to teach, and for the next twelve years devoted himself to educational work. It was in 1877 that he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, when he purchased ninety acres of his present farm, on section 23, Scotch Grove township. Like his father he has added to the original tract until he owns today three hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land. On it he has pursued diversified farming, which has brought him a gratifying



THOMAS FAGAN

return upon his investment of thought and labor. As industry and good management have brought to him success he is today numbered among the prosperous and respected men of Scotch Grove township.

On the 18th of February, 1873, Mr. Fagan was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Rogers, of Washington township, this county, her parents being numbered among the early settlers of this section of the state. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagan six survive. They are Thomas L., who is a miner in Butte, Montana; Lewis T., a mechanical engineer in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and James H., John W., Francis L. and David A., who are at home. Mrs. Fagan died November 12, 1907, and, having been a devout member of the Catholic church, her demise was attended with all the consolations of that religion. Mr. Fagan and his children are also adherents of that faith and are faithful in their attention to their religious duties. In politics he has given his support to the democratic party, but has never evinced any desire to hold public office. His influence, nevertheless, has been far-reaching, as is that of any man whose life is ordered by sound principles of honor and integrity.

THOMAS H. STORY.

Thomas H. Story is one of those men who were destined from birth to be in the vanguard of progress, and as he has followed the calling of a farmer he has been the first of the agriculturists of Madison township to obtain those implements which have not only lightened the labor of tilling the soil but have contributed to prolonging its fertility as well. He is descended from English ancestors in whom was bred the determination to make a position for themselves, and that will to do was transmitted to him. His father, William Story, was born in England, but as a young boy came with his parents to the United States. The family located in New York state, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Hannah Bartow, a native of that state. In 1854 he joined the courageous band of pioneers who were emigrating to the west to get a new start in life from the rich land which the government had just opened for those who wanted a home. After arriving in Iowa he assisted a brother by conducting a sawmill on Buffalo creek a little above Anamosa. There, after a short time, he found six men who would be his companions on a journey west to Wall lake, where they might enter land. They reached their destination and put up their shanties, but the hostility of the Indians made them desist from their intention and seek more civilized regions. William Story then went to Jackson county, Iowa, where he entered one hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he resided for about thirteen years, when he came to Jones county, locating in Madison township, for he had acquired four hundred acres here. Some time in the early '80s he bought an extensive tract of land in Cass county, and about 1883 or 1884 went to live upon it, making it his home until his death, which occurred August 10, 1889, in the sixty-third year of his age. His wife survived him until 1902, when on the 1st of January, she too passed away at the age of seventy-four. In politics William Story was a stanch republican, but was never an office seeker.

Thomas H. Story, the subject of this sketch, was born in a log house in Madison township, November 11, 1854. He acquired such an education as he was able to obtain in the district schools and gained practical experience in farming at home under the instruction of his father. In 1879, when he was twenty-five years old, he began his business career. For a portion of a year he worked on the construction of the Bellevue & Cascade Railway, which has now been incorporated in the Milwaukee & St. Paul system, and then, in 1880, he came to Madison township. He located on eighty acres of his present farm, which he had purchased from his father, and engaged in farming which has since been his vocation. He now cultivates three hundred acres, two hundred and twenty of which Mr. Story himself owns, while eighty acres belong to his wife. Besides general farming which he carried on, Mr. Story raises a large number of short-horn cattle, making a specialty of dairying and milking from twenty-five to thirty cows. He is progressive and enterprising in his methods, keeping well abreast of the times as they bring improvements in the means of cultivating the soil. The fact that he was the first man in his section to buy a field corn husker may be an illustration of this statement.

In 1880 Mr. Story wedded Miss Sarah Guthrie, a daughter of Clement Guthrie, who was one of the early settlers of Hale township and during his life one of the well known men of this county. Of this union there have been born five children: Anna H., Ralph E., James H., Ettie M. and Nellie A. All the young people are still unmarried and live at home.

On national issues Mr. Story is a republican in his political views, but at local elections he always votes for the best man irrespective of party. Though not an office seeker, he takes a vital interest in the welfare of his community and has rendered efficient service in the past twenty years as a school director. While not a professed member of any church he believes in the efficacy of religious work and is ever generous in his support of it. To his farm and his stock he gives the best of his time and strength, in which lies the secret of the phenomenal success that the years have brought him and in the bosom of his family finds his keenest enjoyment when he rests from the toil of the day. He owns an automobile, and his enthusiasm for that diversion finds large outlet in long trips through the country.

JOSEPH W. ORR.

Farming has claimed the attention of Joseph W. Orr from his early youth to the present time and he is now operating eighty acres which he purchased in 1895, in addition to carrying on the home farm of one hundred acres, all located in Scotch Grove township. Mr. Orr was born in Clay township, Jones county, April 15, 1864, a son of William and Jemima (Orr) Orr, both natives of the Emerald isle, whence they came to the new world after reaching mature years. Each located in Connecticut and in that state in 1855 they were united in marriage. In April of that year, about two months subsequent to their marriage, they sought a home in the west, making a location in Jones county. Here the father worked as a farm hand for several years, while for four years he

operated rented land. Both he and his wife were economical and industrious and their united efforts eventually brought them the capital that justified the purchase of a farm and Mr. Orr then bought eighty acres of land ready for cultivation and twenty acres of timber land. Locating on his newly acquired tract he continued to carry on farm work till the time of his death, which occurred on the 28th of January, 1888, when he had reached the age of fifty-five years. The mother still survives and yet makes her home on the farm left to her by her husband.

Joseph W. Orr was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools. He was associated with his father in the farm work until the latter's death, when the son assumed its management and has since carried on the work for his mother. In 1895, Mr. Orr purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the home place and he now has charge of the one hundred and eighty acres, this land lying in Scotch Grove township. He follows general farming and his excellent knowledge of the best methods of agriculture are bringing to him gratifying results.

Mr. Orr was married on the 24th of August, 1887, to Miss Ella J. Lee, of Clay township, a daughter of James F. Lee, who came when a boy with his parents to Jones county from Dubuque county, this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Orr have been born seven children, but two of the number are deceased. Those who survive are: Vera J., who is a student in Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa; and William L., Ruth N., John Harold and Ralph J., all still under the parental roof.

Mr. Orr is a democrat in his political views and affiliations and keeps well informed on the current events of the day. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, while his fraternal relations connect him with Onslow Lodge, No. 398, I. O. O. F. and Onslow Camp, No. 2120, M. W. A. Mr. Orr is one of the substantial and influential men of Scotch Grove township, where his entire life has been spent and his record will therefore prove of interest to our readers.

AUGUST CARSTENSEN.

Among the farmers who have come to this country to make a place for themselves that would be impossible in the land of their birth and who have contributed to the sum total of prosperity that is characteristic of Madison township is August Carstensen. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and is a son of John H. and Bothilde (Albertson) Carstensen. The parents were also natives of Schleswig-Holstein and came to the United States in 1892, making their way to Madison township, Jones county, Iowa, directly after their arrival on our shores. After six or seven years spent in farming in this locality John H. Carstensen retired from active life and in 1907 passed away at the age of seventy-four. His widow is still living in Wyoming, Iowa.

In the public schools of Germany, before he came here, August Carstensen had received his education, but he had no other preparation for life and arrived

in this country a poor boy. He had, however, the ability and the strong will to work and succeed, and his present substantial position is but another indication of what these qualities can accomplish. For several years he and his father worked together but by the fall of 1902 he had saved sufficient of his earnings to enable him to buy his present farm. It embraces sixty acres of excellent land, on which Mr. Carstensen carries on diversified farming. Fortune has smiled upon him, or rather, he has reaped a generous return for his many hours of tedious toil, and from poverty has attained to a competence and a substantial position not only in Madison township and Jones county.

In 1901, Mr. Carstensen was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Peterson. Her parents, Martin and Elsape (Baudicksen) Peterson, had come from Germany and joined the farming community of Jones county, which became the birthplace of their daughter. They are now residents of Oxford township and have attained to a respected position there. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carstensen: Emma, Hattie, Herman and Martin.

When he became a citizen of this republic Mr. Carstensen decided that the platform of the democratic party was most in accord with his political views and has since given his support to its candidates at election times. He is liberal in his views, however, and in local affairs votes for men and measures as he thinks right and for the greater good of the community. In the seventeen years he has been a resident of Jones county Mr. Carstensen has attained to an enviable position of prosperity, the result of his own unremitting labors united to a definite purpose. He enjoys the respect of those who have watched his progress from the beginning, and the lesson of his life might well be emulated by men of all ages.

FRANK BALLOU.

No citizen of Hale township is more highly respected nor more richly deserves the honor which is uniformly accorded him than Frank Ballou, a progressive and successful farmer and a consistent, earnest church worker. He was born on the 17th of April, 1862, on the farm which is now his home, his parents being Asa and Dilla (Bachelor) Ballou, natives of New York and New Hampshire, respectively. The father, who was born January 29, 1835, came west with his father, Jerry Ballou, and a brother, Andrew, arriving in Iowa in 1852. He was a farmer, engaging in that occupation in Hale township throughout his entire business career. A few years prior to his death, however, he removed to Clarence where he lived retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former years of toil. He had been very successful in his chosen field of labor and at one time owned one thousand acres of land, his estate at the time of his death being valued at one hundred thousand dollars. He passed away in July, 1897, while his wife, who was born in January, 1845, still survives and makes her home in Clarence, Iowa. In their family are six children, namely: Hosa, residing in Clarence; Frank, of this review; Amanda, the wife of Frank Root, of Oketo, Kansas; Susannah, who married William Gardner, of Clarence; James, who makes his home in Clarence; and Mrs. Daisy Root, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Amid the scenes and environment of rural life Frank Ballou was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the district schools near his father's home. The period of his boyhood and youth was passed in the usual manner of the country lad, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks that were assigned to him by parental authority. During the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the home farm and early learned lessons concerning the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, while the success which he today enjoys is an indication of the fact that his early training along agricultural lines was both thorough and comprehensive. He still resides upon the farm upon which he was born, having made this his home throughout his entire life. He now owns two hundred acres of excellent farming property, one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, constituting the home place, and eighty acres on section 35. The farm comprises one of the most highly improved properties in the district and the buildings which stand upon it, consisting of a comfortable and attractive dwelling, two large barns and substantial outbuildings, are exceptionally fine, there being none better in the entire township. He carries on general farming and stock raising and for the past ten or twelve years has been an extensive feeder of steers, while for a few years he made a specialty of raising white-faced cattle. He has also found time to direct his attention into other channels and is now the owner of one thousand acres of land in Beal county, South Dakota, having been a dealer in Dakota lands for the past five years. He is systematic and businesslike in the conduct of his affairs which, carefully managed, are bringing to him a most enviable degree of prosperity, while his various interests combine to make him one of the leading and influential citizens of the township.

Mr. Ballou was united in marriage in 1883 to Miss Mary E. Hammond, who was born in 1869 in Oxford township, Jones county, a daughter of Shadrach and Emeline (Kimbball) Hammond, both natives of New Jersey. Her father, who was born in Essex county, that state, on the 22d of June, 1831, went to Ohio early in life, first locating in Delaware county and later in Franklin county, where, on the 20th of December, 1854, he was married. He then came to Jones county, Iowa, where his remaining days were spent, his death occurring on the 2d of December, 1895. He was one of the early settlers of Oxford township, this county, and no man stood higher in the regard and affection of his fellowmen. He was a consistent member of and active worker in the Methodist church and assisted in the erection of several church buildings. The following paragraph taken from a local newspaper at the time of his death, indicates something of the feeling entertained for him by his fellow citizens: "Shadrach Hammond had so lived this life that he was held in the highest esteem possible among all those who have known him in the forty years he has been in this township. No one knew him but to honor and respect his manly character. He bore malice to no man. He had no enemies. During his last sickness the interest felt in his condition was only a manifestation of the love his noble life had engendered among his fellowmen, and the announcement of his death brought forth a blessing for him from every lip." His wife has also passed away, her death occurring in Oxford Mills.

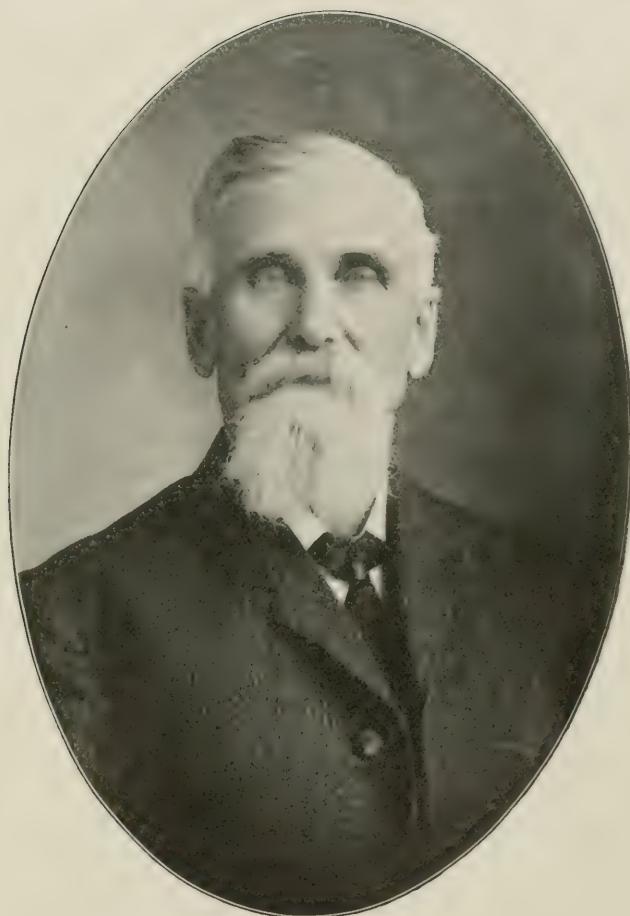
As the years have come and gone the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ballou has been blessed with six children, namely: Virgil, who married Myrtle McClure, of

Rome township, by whom he has one child, Velma June; Perry, who married Maude Slife and resides upon the home farm with his father; Lydia, the wife of Thomas Lindsey, of Cedar county, by whom she has one child, Ethelyn Muriel; Ella, Frederick and Mabel, all yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Ballou casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the prohibition party, to which organization he gives stalwart allegiance, believing that intemperance is one of the greatest evils with which the country has to contend, and that it is the duty of each true and loyal citizen to do all in his power to prevent its existence in the community in which he resides. He is a prominent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Dayton Valley church, in the work of which he has been a very potent factor. He is now serving as class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school, and is also one of the trustees of the local church and of the Iowa conference. He is likewise a member of the book committee of the church which meets every year at Syracuse, New York, and is serving his second term in that capacity, each term covering four years. Loyal in his citizenship, no matter having for its object the material and moral growth of the community seeks his aid in vain. What the country needs is more men like him—men whose integrity is unquestioned, whose motives are of the highest and whose actions are actuated by all that is best and noblest in life.

CHARLES A. SUTHERLAND.

Charles A. Sutherland is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families of Jones county, the name having been established here at the time the land was being placed on the market and people were coming from various sections of the country to cast in their lot with the first settlers. Mr. Sutherland was born in this county, June 20, 1858, a son of William and Henrietta (Esby) Sutherland. The father was born in the Red River country of Canada, and in 1839, when but a lad, he accompanied his parents to this state. The grandfather and his family formed a part of a colony that started from the Red River valley on the long and wearisome journey across the border into the United States. There were forty ox carts in the train, the oxen being driven single, and the wheels of the carts were made of logs. After a journey covering six months they reached Jones county and searching for land, the whole company squatted on claims in Scotch Grove township. One long log house was built, this being covered with sod and dirt and here the whole company made their abode during the winter. In the spring Mr. Sutherland, the grandfather of our subject, made a plow from a tree and with this they cultivated their gardens, over which they had to keep a close watch as deer roamed at will over the prairies. When the land was placed on the market all entered claims and thus the Sutherland family established a permanent home in Jones county. In 1849, during the gold excitement on the Pacific coast, the grandfather went in search of the precious metal, remaining in the west for two years. He then returned to Jones county, where he made his home until his death.



WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

The father, William Sutherland, early became familiar with the privations incident to establishing a home in a wild region, as he assisted in developing and improving the tract which was entered by his father. He was here married to Miss Henrietta Esby, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and their union was blessed with three children: Charles A., of this review; John E., now deceased; and Nettie, the wife of Charles Bates, of Jones county. Both still survive and make their home with their son, the family owning three hundred and eighty-six acres of as fine land as can be found in Scotch Grove township. The parents are highly respected in Jones county, being numbered among its most prominent pioneers.

Charles A. Sutherland was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. After attaining his majority he engaged in feeding and shipping cattle for five years and in this was very successful. His health failed, however, and he sought a home in the Black Hills of South Dakota, but after a time went to Nebraska, and purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land, made his home thereon for five years. He subsequently returned to his former home in Jones county, and now makes his home on the farm in Scotch Grove township, the family being in possession of three hundred and eighty-six acres. He is actively and busily engaged in farm work and is meeting with merited success, for he follows the most modern methods of agriculture and uses the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate his work.

Mr. Sutherland was married in 1884 to Miss Jennie Cameron, who was born in Missouri, a daughter of Wesley and Mary (Hudson) Cameron, in whose family were five children. Both the parents are now deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland has been blessed with six children: Thomas W., Nellie M., Mildred and Charles P., all under the parental roof; and Nettie M. and Mary, who have passed away.

Mr. Sutherland is a republican, stanch in his support of the party and its principles, and although he is not active as an office seeker, has served as township collector. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Presbyterian church. The work instituted by the grandfather and carried on by the father is still continued by Charles A. Sutherland. The family have taken a prominent part in the development of the county from its earliest pioneer times down to the present and throughout their career of far-reaching usefulness, their duties have been performed with the greatest care, and business interests have been so managed as to win the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

JOHN W. LANGE.

Handicapped though he was by a poverty stricken youth and the fact that he was a foreigner in a strange land, John W. Lange has become one of the representative farmers of Madison township and one of the substantial men of Jones county. He was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, May 15, 1868, and is the son of John and Frederica (Strubing) Lange, both natives of the

same province. While still a young man the father was taken from this world, leaving his widow to rear and educate their son unaided. In 1883 she came to the United States and, reaching Iowa took up her home in Wyoming. There she was able to secure domestic work in the family of Judge Ellison and after four years, as the result of her own and her son's savings, was able to go into partnership with the latter in his agricultural undertaking. She died in October, 1894, having been a noble, loving and hard-working mother.

John W. Lange received his substantial training for life at home and acquired his education in the public schools of Germany, supplemented after his arrival here by two years spent in the public institutions of instruction at Wyoming. He began life as a tiller of the soil by working by the month as a farm hand. In four years' time his savings, united with those of his mother, were sufficient to enable him to rent a tract of land and gain the profits of his own efforts. For seven years all told, three during the life of his mother, and for four years after her death, subsequent to his own marriage, he operated what is known in Madison township as the Augusta L. Simpson farm. In March, 1899, he bought his present home, which is a fine tract of one hundred and twenty acres devoted to general farming. In 1909 he purchased the John Gorman farm of two hundred acres, reported to be one of the richest tracts in Jones county, but he has since sold it.

On the 22d of March, 1895, Mr. Lange married Miss Pauline M. Hansen, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and a daughter of John V. and Caroline (Hansen) Hansen. Her father has passed away, but her mother and a brother, Bernhart, are still living in the old country. To Mr. and Mrs. Lange have been born three children: Bernhart J., Gladius F. and Meinhart H. Husband and wife are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Lange is trustee, and they are rearing their family in that faith. Fraternally Mr. Lange is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and is an active member of the Wyoming Camp, No. 183, and sincerely interested in the welfare of the brothers. His political affiliations are with the republicans, but he has not sought public preferment from the people, who would loyally give them their support in recognition of the sterling qualities of the man and in admiration of his almost phenomenal success.

CHARLES GUILFORD.

Charles Guilford, who owns and operates an excellent farm of four hundred and forty acres on sections 11 and 14, Cass township, was born in Jones county on Christmas day, 1866, and his whole life has been passed within its borders. When a little lad of three years he was adopted by John Lyman Guilford, in whose home he was reared to manhood. G. L. Guilford who was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, lost his father when about sixteen years of age and from that time he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. He was engaged in canal work as a youth and when a young man moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he became identified with agricultural interests. He remained there until 1854, which year witnessed his arrival in Jones county, Iowa, where he

entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Cass township. As the years passed and he prospered, he was able to add from time to time to his original investment until his possessions finally aggregated four hundred and forty acres, constituting the farm now owned by our subject. He continued to engage in general farming here until 1894, when he retired from active business and returned to Michigan, where he passed away on the 28th of September, 1907. Had he lived until the following March he would have been eighty years old. His wife died just fourteen days after his demise, having reaced her sixty-fourth year. The subject of this review had two sister: Frances, who is now the wife of Fred Like, of Blue Earth, Minnesota; and Mary, the wife of Mead Sanford.

Charles Guilford attended the district schools of Cass township in the acquirement of an education and he remained on the home farm with his parents until their removal, in 1894, to Michigan. He then took charge of the farm and has since continued in its operation. At an early age he had assisted his father in the work of the fields and under his direction had acquired excellent training along agricultural lines, so that he was well equipped for the practical and responsible duties that devolved upon him when he took up the management of the homestead, which he now owns. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and both branches of his business are proving profitable sources of revenue to him. He makes a specialty of black Aberdeen Angus cattle and now has about sixty head, although he has had a herd of over one hundred.

On the 28th of July, 1897, Mr. Guilford was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Batchelder, who was born in Langworthy, Iowa, on the 9th of February, 1870, and is a daughter of Albert and Harriett (Hunter) Batchelder, both of whom are now deceased. Unto them were born five children, namely: Glenn, Irene, Clifford, Ruth and Vernon.

Mr. Guilford gives his political support to the republican party but has not sought to figure prominently before the public, although he has ever been true and loyal in all matters of citizenship. He was early trained to habits of industry, enterprise and integrity, and these have proven strong elements in his success and at the same time have gained the unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

JAMES E. KEGLEY.

James E. Kegley, a prominent horseman and agriculturist of Wyoming township, was born on the farm where he now lives, February 21, 1874, and is a son of John E. and Sarah Jane (Ward) Kegley. The parents were both natives of Virginia but came to Iowa at an early day. In 1852 they settled in Jackson county, where they lived until 1867, coming in that year to Jones county. Here they secured the farm on which James E. Kegley is living today and which was their home for the remainder of their lives, the mother dying on it May 13, 1895, and the father a little more than four years later, September 10, 1899. Ten children were born to them: Sarah J., deceased; Florence V., the wife of Charles Babcock, a resident of Odebolt, Iowa; Alice V., the wife of Francis Trimble, of Waukegan, Illinois; John W., of Kearney, Nebraska; Aletha E., the wife of

Robert Gabriel, of Armstrong, Iowa; Oregon M., who married George B. White-leather and lives in California; Gertrude, the wife of Clifton Stockwell and also lives in California; two who died in infancy; and James E., the subject of this sketch.

James E. Kegley received his early education in the common schools of the township, supplementing this instruction by a course of study in the Wyoming schools. At the same time, however, he obtained practical experience in the cultivation of the soil through working with his father on the home farm until twenty-two years of age. Having attained his majority he decided to start in life for himself, although he did not change the field of his operations but paid rent for the place on which he had previously lived and toiled. Four years later he was able to buy the homestead, which has since been in his possession. It consists of two hundred and fifty-five acres, lying on sections 32 and 33, Wyoming township. He gives considerable attention to agricultural pursuits, but his main interest is centered in horses which he buys, feeds and ships in large numbers, obtaining a notable reputation in this branch of his business.

On the 15th of January, 1890, Mr. Kegley married Miss Sarah Etta James, who was born in this county in 1877. She is a daughter of Walter and Mary (Sherman) James, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of New York state, who came to Iowa shortly after their marriage and are now living in Wyoming. Six children were born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Kegley have one son, James Dwight, who was born April 16, 1900. Mrs. Kegley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but Mr. Kegley does not give religious allegiance to any denomination. Politically, he affiliates with the republicans, invariably casting his ballot for the candidates of that party. He is a member of the Keystone Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., in which he is very active and in whose welfare he is ever ready to exert himself and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star.

THOMAS D. CRAIN.

Farming and stock raising are closely associated in agricultural life and nearly all of the progressive farmers of Jones county are engaged in both occupations with gratifying results. Thomas D. Crain, residing on section 23, Jackson township, has proven what can be accomplished through hard work, perseverance and thrift. He owns a fine farm of rich land, and each year shows a substantial increase in his possessions. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Katherine (Ramage) Crain, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. By occupation the father was a carpenter. He and his wife had seven children as follows: Emma, who married John Spencer and died leaving four sons; William H., a resident of Olin; Thomas D.; Eugene, who lives in Pennsylvania; Mary, who married Sam Spencer and died in Pennsylvania; Matilda, who married Jacob Shields and lives in Jackson township; and Fred, a resident of Denison, Texas.

Until he was eighteen, Thomas D. Crain made his home with his parents, but, being ambitious in 1871, he came west to Jones county, Iowa, and went to work for Seba Johnson, then living on the farm now owned by Mr. Crain. For a time he operated C. M. Johnson's farm, after which he engaged in farming on rented land for three or four years, eventually locating on his present property, which consists of two hundred acres on sections 23 and 26, Jackson township. He also owns forty acres in Hale township, a part of which is timber land lying along the Wapsi river. The buildings are excellent and all of them have been put up by Mr. Crain. He has also made other improvements and has one of the best farms in his part of the county. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, and in addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank of Olin. In politics he is a republican, but has never desired public honors. Fraternally he belongs to Olin Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also to the Knights of Pythias.

On February 13, 1883, Mr. Crain married Carrie Coffits, who was born September 5, 1856, in Anamosa, a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Houstman) Coffits. Her father was born in the Rhine country, Germany, where he and his three brothers learned to be blacksmiths. Upon coming to the United States, he located at Anamosa, Iowa, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for the remainder of his active life and made many shoes for oxen in the old days. His death occurred August 9, 1877, when he had reached the age of seventy years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. After coming to Anamosa, he married Louisa Houstman, who was born in New Jersey and died at the home of Mr. Crain, in April, 1902, aged eighty-two years. She bore her husband three children: Melissa Ann, who died in childhood; Melinda Jane, who married J. C. Cook of Stone City, Iowa; and Carrie, who is the wife of Mr. Crain.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crain. Blanche, the eldest, married Jacob Wise, of Amber, who died nine months after their marriage, and she passed away just twenty-eight days later, both succumbing to the ravages of typhoid fever. Elsie is now the wife of Clarence A. Miller, of Rome township. Lee and Helen are at home. The Crain household is a happy one, and a cordial hospitality is shown stranger and friend alike. Few farmers stand higher in Jackson township, and the success that Mr. Crain has attained is certainly well merited.

DENNIS BITTNER.

Dennis Bittner, who as postmaster has handled the mail of the village of Olin for the past twelve years, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1853. His parents, Herman and Rachel (Vought) Bittner, were also natives of that county, where they were reared and married. Shortly after the inauguration of the Civil war, Herman Bittner enlisted in the Pennsylvania Infantry and had the misfortune to be captured by the rebels and was confined in Libby prison. There his death subsequently occurred, which left his wife with five children to rear and care for. Four of these are still living useful lives and Mrs.

Bittner also survives although she has reached the advanced age of eighty years. She has never left Somerset county.

Although so early deprived of a father's love and guidance, Dennis Bittner learned well the fundamental lessons of life at home and at school, so that he has progressed far along the road to success. Until he attained his majority he remained at home, assisting his mother in all that lay in his power and then engaged in teaching. To this profession he devoted, all told, eleven winters, one in his native state and ten in Jones county, to which he came in 1875. After forsaking that line of work he engaged in farming, but this did not prove sufficiently to his liking to hold him more than four years, when he sold his land, removed to Olin and embarked in mercantile business. His operations were bringing him large returns for his investments, so that he had every reason to be satisfied with his venture, when on the 22d of June, 1892, his stock was totally destroyed by fire. He was not discouraged by this misfortune, however, but starting again with a new line of goods he opened a store in which he has since carried on business. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster and has discharged the duties of this office ever since, but he has also conducted his general store in conjunction. The qualities which have made him a good business man, which have won for him a representative trade from the people of the village and its environs have also contributed to his popularity as a public servant, for he is unremitting in his efforts to secure the satisfaction of those who rely upon him, sparing neither himself nor those in his employ to obtain quick and efficient distribution of the mails, and ready and willing attention to the demands of others.

After coming to this state Mr. Bittner wedded Miss Clara C. Everhart, a native of Taylor county and a daughter of N. M. and Susan Everhart, who are now residents of Olin. She is one of a family of ten children. Mr. Bittner has always supported the republican party, taking a vital interest in local affairs and in politics generally.

EBER G. PEET.

Eber G. Peet, one of the honored and respected citizens of Greenfield township, has for many years been closely identified with agricultural pursuits and through industry, thrift and enterprise has met with substantial success. One of Jones county's native sons, he was born in Fairview township, just west of the town of Fairview, on the 13th of October, 1845, a son of G. N. and Cordelia O. (Wilcox) Peet. The parents, who were married on the 29th of March, 1840, were both natives of Cortland county, New York, the father having been born on the 2d of September, 1814, while the mother's birth occurred in 1816. The father, who followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, passed away on the 25th of October, 1861, while his wife died April 15, 1896. In their family were three sons and one daughter, namely: C. S., who was born on the 5th of May, 1841, and died in 1864; Teresa V. born February 14, 1843, wife of C. T. Myrick, now deceased; Eber G., of this review; and Adelbert C., who was born May 23, 1848, and makes his home in Anamosa.



E. G. PEET AND FAMILY

During the first seven years of his life Eber G. Peet remained in his native township and then came with his parents to Greenfield township, where the family located upon a farm on section 10, the dwelling which they occupied being the first to be erected in that vicinity. The farm had been homesteaded by the father in 1839, and upon it Mr. Peet resided until he reached years of maturity. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the district schools and during the time not devoted to his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm, early learning lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. After completing his education he continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until the latter's death, which occurred when Eber was sixteen years of age. He then entered business life on his own account, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. During the intervening years he has continued to devote himself to agricultural pursuits and in this line of activity has met with gratifying success. He is now the owner of five hundred and fifty-nine acres of the choicest land in Greenfield township, being ranked among the extensive landowners of the locality. That he keeps in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifested in agricultural lines and that his knowledge of farming is both thorough and comprehensive is indicated by the highly improved appearance of his place, upon which are found substantial buildings and all of the modern accessories necessary for facilitating farm labor.

It was on the 19th of December, 1867, that Mr. Peet was united in marriage to Miss Oriana Chapin, a daughter of George and Oriana (Lounsbury) Chapin, the former born in Cortland county, New York, March 1, 1814, and the latter on the 18th of November, 1815. Her parents are both deceased, the father passing away on the 23d of November, 1854, while the mother survived until the 24th of July, 1901. In their family were five children, the eldest child, born in 1839, passing away in infancy. The others were: Minefva, who was born on the 14th of August, 1840, and passed away August 7, 1871; James B., who was born July 14, 1842, and resides at Perry, Iowa; Mrs. E. G. Peet, the wife of our subject; and C. W., born May 9, 1847, who now makes his home in Greenfield township.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Peet was blessed with nine sons. Harry L., the eldest, was born September 19, 1868, and now resides north of Martelle. He was married on the 20th of February, 1895, to Miss Katie Baird, by whom he had one daughter, Edna, who lived but three days. Glenn A. Peet, born on the 22d of January, 1870, was united in marriage to Clara B. Robbin on the 28th of September, 1893. They had one son, Gale, who passed away at the age of two years, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1900. Mr. Peet was later married to Miss Evalina Miller, and to this union were born four children, Ray, Cecil, Ora, Lottie and Grace Isabel, aged seven, five, four and six months, respectively. The next son, Claude G. Peet, was born on the 23d of September, 1871, and on the 14th of February, 1900, became the husband of Mary Armstrong, by whom he has a daughter, Merle, seven years of age. Collis S. Peet was born on the 26th of October, 1873, is now conducting a grain and feed business in Martelle. He was married on the 6th of April, 1904, to Myrtle Pierce, of Pennsylvania, and unto them was born one daughter, Florence, aged four years.

who is now living with her uncle, Harry Peet. The mother passed away September 25, 1907. Earl C. Peet was born September 29, 1875, and on the 3d of April, 1904, was united in marriage to Gladys G. Shoup, this union being blessed with one son, Roscoe L., aged four years. The next child was born on the 13th of August, 1877, and died in infancy. The next three sons, Vestus J., Clarence B. and Grove E., born on July 6, 1880, October 4, 1883, and June 25, 1886, respectively, still reside on the home farm. Seven grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Peet are now living.

Not only on account of the creditable success which he has gained in agricultural lines, but also because of the prominent part which he has taken in the local politics of the community has Mr. Peet become well known to his fellow citizens. He has always taken a deep and active interest in public affairs and has been honored by his fellowmen who have called him to responsible positions in the township. He served as township trustee for a number of years, has been assessor for three terms and was elected to fill the office of county supervisor for three terms, besides being appointed to that office for one year. He has held the position of school treasurer in Greenfield township for thirty-seven years, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties and his appreciation of the responsibilities that rested upon him were such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in the various offices to which he was elected, and his record as an official and as a business man has been so honorable that he has gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

OLIVER POSTLEWAITE.

Oliver Postlewaite, who has carried on a profitable life insurance in Prairieburg for the past nine years, was born in Sierra county, California, in 1856. His father, John J. Postlewaite, was a native of Pennsylvania but went to California even before the rumor of the discovery of gold spread through the country, for he was one of the first men to cross the prairies and mountains. While he was living there he became acquainted with Miss Emily Lockwood, a native of Indiana, and some time in 1847 they were united in marriage. Mrs. Postlewaite died in 1861, when she was only thirty-eight years of age, and the same year he came to Jones county, taking up his residence in Anamosa. He did not remain here long, however, for he enlisted in the Union army and served throughout the Civil war, participating in the battle of Pittsburg Landing and accompanying Sherman on his historic march to the sea.

Oliver Postlewaite has spent the greater part of his life in Jones and Linn counties. In his youth he learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for many years while he lived in Anamosa. A good workman, clever and rapid, he had no trouble in finding sufficient employment, but he believed he would find larger opportunities open in other fields. Therefore, in 1900, at the beginning of a new century he foresook his trade and embarked upon the business of life insurance. He secured the Prairieburg agency of the Anchor Insurance

Company of Des Moines, Iowa, and set to work to make a success of the new field of endeavor. He began in a small way, of course traversing on foot the country in the vicinity of the town, to find and persuade men of the necessity of providing a future for those who would suffer through their demise. His engaging personality, the convincing manner in which he presented his arguments, and his energetic prosecution of his business soon brought him a contingency that made it possible for him to abandon the modest way in which he had opened his operations, and to establish himself in quarters which were in keeping with the vigorous methods he had pursued and large patronage he had gained. Although the success the past nine years have brought him is gratifying in a high degree, he regards it but as a stepping-stone to larger opportunities which he intends to grasp in the future. He is one of the men who place little reliance in chance, or rather, who believe that chance, so called, is of their own making, that it comes in response to their own seeking and to the industry with which they pursue their vocation.

Mindful of a father who fought in the defense of the Union and of a brother, John J., who as a member of the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment was killed in the battle of Atlanta, July 21, 1864, Mr. Postlewaite has given his allegiance to the republican party, for it was the support of the nation through the years of trial and warfare. He has played no part in local public matters, however, although he has been deeply interested in the welfare of his fellow citizens, never failing to exert his influence in their behalf. Fraternally he is a member of Prairieburg Lodge, No. 421, A. F. & A. M., of the Prairieburg Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and of the Cedar Rapids Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men.

In March 1897, Mr. Postlewaite was united in marriage to Miss Barbara J. Howard, a daughter of Anthony Howard. Two children have been born to them, Anna May and Edward Arthur. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in whose doctrine the children are being reared, and make every effort to order their lives in accordance with its teachings. While church membership does not in every case constitute a good citizen, when the strong qualities of manhood are spiritualized by a practical application of religious truths, as in the case of Mr. Postlewaite, the community cannot but be the better for his living in its midst.

URIAH BARR.

For more than fifteen years Uriah Barr has cultivated his farm of one hundred acres on section 23, Greenfield township, and has found no reason to regret that he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits or that he chose Greenfield township as the scene of his labors. He was born in Fairfield, Ohio, where his parents spent their entire life. They were Jacob and Sarah (Spohn) Barr, both now deceased, in whose family were five children: Uriah, Lizzie, Jacob, David and George. Lizzie and George have passed away; David is living in Colorado; while Jacob remained in Ohio, the state of his birth.

Uriah Barr was born September 12, 1846, and remained in his native state until twenty-six years of age, when he sought the prairies of Iowa and the opportunities they afforded. For eight terms he devoted himself to teaching, to instructing boys and girls, some of whom almost men and women, who could be spared from their home. He had already had some experience in teaching in the schools of his native state, for when his own education was completed he was determined to improve upon his early training. It was not until 1893, that he bought the farm he now owns in Greenfield township. He paid fifty dollars an acre for it at the time but it has almost doubled in value because of the natural advance in land and the many improvements he has placed upon it.

In 1866 Mr. Barr married Miss Mary E. Coplin, who died June 25, 1868, leaving one daughter, Lizzie. The latter became the wife of Fred Pieper and they had a son, Uriah, born April 17, 1891. Three days after his birth Mrs. Pieper died and the baby was taken by his grandparents, with whom he has always made his home. On the 11th of October, 1870, Mr. Barr was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth A. Lamb. Her mother died in Ohio, in 1881 and her father came with his youngest daughter to Iowa and made his home with Mrs. Barr till his death. Mrs. Barr is one of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Mary and Clara, both deceased; Ella, who makes her home with Mrs. Barr; Hiram, who lives in Ohio; Jonas, of Grundy Center, Iowa; Henry, deceased; and J. M., of Dickinson county, Iowa. Anna, the only child of Mr. Barr's second union, was born July 20, 1874. On the 14th of December, 1893, she married Ed Henderson, of Cedar county, Iowa, and is now the mother of four children: Harry, Harlan, Vera and Verna.

Mr. Barr is a stanch adherent of the democratic party and has always displayed a sincere interest in public affairs. This has been appreciated by his fellow citizens, who during a period of thirteen years chose him as their assessor. He has also served on the school board since he took up his residence in Iowa, and his influence has ever been given to advancing the interests of education. Reared in the Methodist faith, he and his family are devout members of the local church of that denomination and have ordered their lives in accordance with its doctrines.

JAMES INGLIS.

James Inglis, who is one of the leading stock and grain men not only of Wyoming township, which is his home, but even of Jones county, handling in conjunction with his brother, Daniel Inglis, more cattle than any other firm here, was born in Hale township, March 31, 1862, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Porter) Inglis. The parents were natives of Scotland, the former having been born in Ayrshire, January 2, 1822. His life record covered eighty-seven years, nine months and two days, his death occurring October 26, 1900. He was reared in his native country and there married Miss Jane Porter on the 22d of June, 1852. Ambitious to possess a home of their own and believing that better opportunities could be secured in America, they sailed for this country in

1858. In Scotland Mr. Inglis had served as the coachman on the great estate of Sir Humphrey David Blair, called Blairwhan, and Mrs. Inglis acted as the dairy-maid. His duties included the opening and closing of the gate that led to Blairwhan castle. Those who were intimately acquainted with Mr. Inglis will remember the peculiarly polite salute he would always give those he met as he raised his hand and touched his hat to greet one in a way different from anybody else, this undoubtedly resulting from his training in this position with Sir Humphrey. After crossing the Atlantic Mr. and Mrs. Inglis made their way to Marengo, Illinois, where resided her uncle Robert Porter. There she remained while Mr. Inglis continued on his western way to Iowa to seek a location. He chose a farm near Hale, on which John Inglis still resides. He soon became closely identified with the agricultural development of the district and was not only successful in tilling the soil but also became prominent in local affairs. When he secured his naturalization papers and became a citizen of the United States he espoused the cause of the republican party and became a factor in its local councils, his opinions being regarded as of value. He was several times called to local offices and made a reputation as a trustworthy servant of the people. He was elected to the positions of township treasurer and trustee and was also county supervisor for one term. For a number of years and up to the time of his death he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, to the interests of which he was always most loyal, while with its work he was intimately connected. He was an unusually strong, robust man in every way, being endowed with a strong body and attractive personality as well as a keen mind. One who knew him well often remarked that he strikingly resembled the great Scotch writer and preacher, John Watson, better known as Ian Maclaren. He had a wonderful mind and few laymen had a better knowledge of the Bible or did more effective work as a Sunday-school teacher, expounding the scriptures with clearness and truth. His wife, who had shared with him the joys and sorrows of life for more than half a century, was called to her final rest September 9, 1909.

James Inglis was reared upon the home farm in Hale township, receiving good training for the practical duties and responsibilities of life from his parents and in the district school which he attended, later completing his education in the high school at Wyoming. At the age of twenty he engaged in teaching, although he followed that profession for only one winter, when he returned to his home and devoted himself to his father's interests. Until his marriage in 1894 he worked with his parent and then came to Wyoming township and in partnership with his brother Daniel engaged in the cattle and grain business. In the past fifteen years these men have perhaps handled and fed on grass more cattle than any other firm in this section of the state. Their landholdings in themselves are significant of the extent of their operations, for they have eleven hundred and ninety-two acres in this and Jackson counties, besides half a section in South Dakota and half a section in the Saskatchewan country of Canada. Daniel Inglis also owns four large elevators in Cambridge, Story county, in which James Inglis is likewise interested. Hard work and unremitting industry have been the foundation upon which the brothers have builded their success; they have been unsparing of themselves and of their resources to attain a position which would enable them to stand in the fore rank of the cattle and grain

men of this state. So far their endeavors have been handsomely requited and Mr. Inglis has every reason to be gratified with the results of his labor.

On the 18th of February, 1894, Mr. Inglis wedded Miss Elizabeth Jennings, a native of Trumbull county, Ohio. Two children have been born of their union—Elizabeth J. and Eloise J. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Inglis is a trustee, and take an active part in the work of the congregation. Politically Mr. Inglis' sympathies are with the republican party, but he has been too busy a man to seek for office although the people would gladly bestow one upon him in recognition of his pronounced ability. He prefers, however, to give his attention to his large and important business interests and is widely recognized as a man of keen discernment and sound judgment.

L. K. MILLER.

L. K. Miller, one of the older generation of farmers, who has now retired from the active pursuits and lives in Rome township, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 31, 1828, and is the son of Jacob and Mary (Keller) Miller. The father, whose birthplace was in Rockingham county, Virginia, was one of those hardy men who found outlet for their strength and courage in the wilds of a new country. He went from his native home to Ohio when the territory of that state was first opened for colonization. His father had entered land, built a log cabin, on which he put a clapboard roof, and cleared his land for farming. In 1844, when Iowa was opened for settlement, Jacob Miller came to this state, entered land and built a log cabin, which was his home for five years. On this land he lived until his death in 1881 in the eighty-second year of his age. His wife, who had come from a home in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to share his hard life with him, survived until 1895, when her ninety-two years of life was brought to a close. She had borne her husband a family of ten children, only two of whom are now living: L. K., the subject of this sketch; and B. H., a resident of Anamosa.

L. K. Miller was reared at home and participated in the work of clearing the land and making a home in the heart of the wilderness. He received such an education as the common schools of the period afforded and worked on the home farm in his youth and until he became of age. When twenty-one he acquired his farm in Rome township, virgin soil at that time, but he prepared it for the reception of seed and for further agricultural work. He improved it, too, in many other ways, adding buildings of good character and cultivating his fields in such manner that they produced richly. As the years brought him success he was enabled to add to his original tract and at one time owned five hundred acres of excellent land. This he has now either sold or bestowed upon his children, for with advancing years he was desirous to be relieved of its care.

In 1852, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Green, who was born in Warren county, Indiana, in 1832, and was the daughter of Thomas and Effie (Stingley) Green. Her mother was a native of Ross county, Ohio, while

her father was born in New York state. In 1840 the parents came to Iowa, having traversed the prairies by means of a team of horses, and they took up their residence in this part of the state. They passed away at the dawn of the new era, for whose advent they had prepared. One of a family of fourteen children, Mrs. Miller became the mother of ten: Thomas M., of Rome township; Loretta J., deceased; William A., now a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Alice, the wife of Samuel Pieper, of Olin; Edward S., of Olin; Jacob N., deceased; F. W., of Olin; John H., of Anamosa; Henry D., of Rome township; and Emma, the wife of J. O. Farnham, of this same township. Mrs. Miller died May 22, 1902, leaving a husband and eight children to mourn her loss as a faithful wife and devoted mother. She was laid to rest in Center Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Miller has always been stanch in his allegiance to the democratic party, and was for twelve years a school director, in this capacity rendering the township valuable service. A man reared from childhood to the necessity of hard work, he has lived to see the benefits of persistent industry. He was successful beyond the average, and the rest he now enjoys is well deserved and very enviable to those who are still struggling along the road he has already traversed.

MYRON W. GRAY.

Myron W. Gray, one of the older generation of farmers of Cass township, was born in Saratoga county, New York, June 25, 1835, and is a son of John B. and Lucy (Heath) Gray, both natives of the same county as their son. In 1853 they brought their family of fourteen children to the middle west, settling first in Elgin, Illinois, and then in October, 1856, coming to Iowa. They located in Fayette county, where they made their home until they were called to their final rest. During his active life Mr. Gray had been a farmer and with the help of his wife reared to maturity sixteen children. A seventeenth did not survive the period of infancy and nine have since passed away, so that only five boys and two girls are now living to bear witness to the excellent instruction received at the family hearthstone. Two of the sons, Horatio and William Harrison, were soldiers in the Civil war. The former enlisted from Elgin, Illinois, and served for three years; the latter joined the army from Fayette county, Iowa, for one hundred days' service. He was ill during part of this period but recovered his health and is still living.

Myron W. Gray was eighteen when his parents came to the west, and many of the experiences of the trip are still vivid in this memory, for it was a much more difficult journey then than it would be today when the railroads have attained to such efficiency of service. He can also remember crossing the prairies from Illinois to Iowa, and as he looks over the fields he owns now he finds them much different from those on which he and his brothers and sisters settled after they came here. Until 1865 Mr. Gray farmed in Fayette county, and then came to Jones county. Here he rented for five years, or until 1870, when he bought his present farm of eighty acres in Cass township. Here he has carefully tilled his fields and has engaged also in stock raising, making a specialty of

Poland China hogs. He has the distinction of having sold the largest hog that was ever raised in this county, weighing seven hundred and thirty-three pounds when it was sent to market. He is especially interested in the raising of potatoes, in which branch of his business as in his stock breeding and feeding he is commonly regarded as an authority.

On the 30th of May, 1858, Mr. Gray married Miss Emma Graves, who was born in Wyoming county, New York, in 1840, and was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ann (Noble) Graves. She came west with her mother and her brothers and sisters about the same time that Mr. Gray came here with his parents, and the two families met in Dubuque. The Graves later moved to Fayette county, where Mrs. Graves died, but her husband had passed away while they lived in New York state. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray: William Wallace, of Wayne township; Carrie M., who is the wife of Sam Lawrence, of Cass township; Myrtle, who is the widow of Frank Gibson, a resident of Cedar Rapids; Susan, who married Harry Smith, the warden of the State Reformatory at Anamosa; Nellie, who is the wife of William Reep, of Marion, Iowa; John, who lives at home; Harry, of Cass township; and Margaret, who is the wife of Benjamin McClout, of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Gray is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Anamosa, and is in accord politically with the platform of the republican party. He has not taken any part in public affairs, however, save as a member of the school board and as justice of the peace. He is nevertheless highly regarded as a man who knows how to win large crops from the ground he tills and how to raise stock of a good grade, and this capacity united with the fact that he is ever guided by sound principles has made his judgment valuable to those with whom he is associated.

W. E. TALLMAN.

One of the native farmers of Rome township, who has advanced steadily with the progress of the times, is W. E. Tallman. He was born April 20, 1863, and is the son of John and Lucinda (Low) Tallman, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Maryland. In 1845, shortly after their marriage the parents came to Iowa, locating in Rome township, Jones county, where they had entered government land. It was in the early days of the state's existence and the majority of houses were rudely built of logs. Mr. Tallman's differed but slightly from the other cabins about him, save that he with great labor put a roof of clapboards above the logs and the flooring was of boards. After the addition of a door, only too uncommon, the building that was to shelter his family from the inclemency of the weather, was complete, and it remained their home for ten or twelve years. When, on the 30th of July, 1893, the father was called away, these old conditions were but memories, of which he told and retold as if they were fairy tales to the grandchildren who gathered about him. His widow died September 6, 1909, in her eighty-eighth year. To John Tallman and wife were born ten children: James H., deceased; Nathaniel C., of Greene county, Iowa; Reuben S., also of Greene county, Iowa; Elizabeth, who makes her home in Chicago, Ill-



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nois; Winfield H., also of Greene county, Iowa; Mary J., deceased; Rose A., the wife of Arthur G. Neff, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Samantha E., the wife of Peter Kane, of Vinton, Iowa; Angeline, who married R. T. Boots, of Rome township; and W. E. the subject of this sketch.

W. E. Tallman had all the advantages of education that those who followed the pioneers were able to enjoy. He attended the district schools and Cornell College, at Mount Vernon, in which he completed his formal training for life. Until he became of age he remained at home, assisting in the work of the farm, but with the advent of manhood he started out to make his own way in the world. For two years he worked as a renter and then bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 7, Rome township, which is his home today. With the lapse of years he has been able to add forty acres to this farm and to buy other land which has brought his holdings to three hundred and ninety-five acres, all situated in Jones county. In addition to his agricultural pursuits Mr. Tallman has engaged in the stock business, breeding and raising black polled cattle. He has been successful in his operations and has won the confidence of the people in whose midst he lives.

Mr. Tallman was married April 20, 1886, to Miss Delilah Merritt, who was born in Rome township in 1863 and is a daughter of John and Caroline (Dunlap) Merritt. The former was born in New York state, February 23, 1806, while the latter was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1827. In 1836 John Merritt came to Iowa and entered land in Jones county. The next year, after he had satisfied himself as to the advisability of moving to this new country, he sent for his family to join him. Here the parents made their home until their deaths, which occurred, in the case of the father, December 1, 1886, and the mother February 16, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were born seven children, six of whom are still living. Of Mr. and Mrs. Tallman's union there have been eight children: W. E., Jr., Laura J., Marion, Lucinda F., Odessa C., Mary Bell, John and Lily J. W. E., Jr., is a farmer of Rome township, but the other children are all at home. Mr. Tallman is a republican in his political beliefs and has filled the offices of trustee and assessor at the behest of the voters of his township. His success has given the people confidence in his ability, and they have found they made no mistake in bestowing upon him those marks of their esteem.

HENRY F. KOHL.

Henry F. Kohl, one of the substantial farmers of Greenfield township, though not a native of this state was only eight years old when in 1864 his parents, Amos and Maria (Grimm) Kohl, came to Iowa and procured their homestead in Greenfield township, Jones county. They removed from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin and later came to Iowa, where they made their home until their death. They secured a good tract of land at a very moderate cost and upon it reared their family of nine children, four sons and five daughters: Mrs. Mary Kline, Henry F., Will, Mrs. Nellie Hemp, Lewis, Mrs. Emma Stearns,

Mrs. Tena Melton, Charles and Mrs. Minnie Fink. The parents have both passed away, but the children all survive and many of them are living in Greenfield township.

Henry F. Kohl was born in Greenfield, Wisconsin, March 4, 1856, and grew to manhood upon his parents' farm, learning the secrets of the cultivation of the soil and acquiring an education in the public schools. When he attained his majority he had no desire to leave the scene of his early endeavor and secured two hundred acres of land in Greenfield township, on which he is living at present. It represents the result of many years of labor, while the many improvements and the modern buildings are additional evidence that his toil has been productive of substantial results. Progressive in his agricultural methods, he shares in the general prosperity of the county.

In 1876 Mr. Kohl married Miss Mary Amanda Kline, who was born on the 26th of August, 1857, and is a daughter of John F. and Catherine (Hickathorn) Kline, residents of Prairieburg, Linn county, Iowa. Five sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl; Mrs. Lona Smith, of Blunt, South Dakota; Eldon Lewis, who lives north of Martelle; Harry Amos, a resident of Blunt, South Dakota; and Dewitt, Lowell Delos and Otto Albert who are living at home. A firm believer in the doctrines of the Methodist church, Mr. Kohl has reared his children in that faith and those of the family at home are members of the congregation at Martelle. Politically he is a democrat, having faith in the measures advocated by that party, and while not a politician he has held offices in the township, namely that of trustee, a position he has occupied for six years, and that of a member of the school board. In educational matters he is especially interested and has ever been zealous in working for the increased efficiency of the instruction given to the youth of the locality. Fraternally he enjoys pleasant relations with the White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K. P., at Martelle, for whose welfare and that of his fellow members he is always deeply concerned.

JOHN O'HARA.

Although not one of the native sons of Wyoming township, John O'Hara has spent almost his entire life in the township and has become closely identified with its interests, agricultural and otherwise. He was born in Philadelphia, August 15, 1861, and is a son of John and Margaret O'Hara. They came to Jones county in 1861, locating in Wyoming and in 1869 settled on the farm where their son is living today. It was their own home until their deaths, the father dying in 1873 and the mother in 1894, and the place on which their eight children were reared to maturity. These are Mary, who is the wife of P. F. Kelly, now living in Omaha, Nebraska; Charles, whose home is in New Mexico; John, the subject of this review; Margaret, who is the wife of Ed Mulverhill; T. S., who resides in Rock Island, Illinois; Ella, who lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Jennie, who is the wife of T. J. Flannigan and lives in Omaha, Nebraska; and James, deceased.

John O'Hara received his education in the schools of the county, while he worked on the farm in the summer months and at such other times as were not given to the prosecution of his lessons. When he attained his majority he bought the homestead, so that his residence on it has not been interrupted since his parents located thereon. He has continued the diversified agriculture in which his father was engaged and has given considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, which he ships in large numbers to the important markets. Through care and industury he has won a pronounced success and is now regarded as one of the substantial men of his locality.

In 1905, Mr. O'Hara was united in marriage to Miss Frances Riches. She was born in Wyoming, Iowa, where her mother is still living. One son, John C., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, on the 11th of November, 1908. They are consistent members of the Catholic church, whose teachings find exemplification in their lives, and they are attentive in the discharge of their religious duties. Politically Mr. O'Hara is in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party and never fails to vote for its candidates. He has taken part in the public affairs of the township, for he has served as assessor for six years and has acted as road supervisor. Conscientious in the execution of his duties he has won the respect of those who placed confidence in his ability, so that besides being a successful man he is one whose good fortune has obtained for him the good will of his friends and neighbors.

H. A. TOENJES.

H. A. Toenjes, a farmer and dairyman of Wayne township, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, March 11, 1856, and is a son of John Christopher and Anna (Guelfs) Toenjes. The parents were both natives of Germany, where until his death John Toenjes followed farming. In 1869 his son John came to the United States and five years later Mrs. Toenjes, who was then a widow, H. A., Dietrich and a daughter, Elizabeth, came here, settling in Jones county. After she arrived in Iowa Mrs. Toenjes married again and passed the last years of her life in Ireton, at the home of her daughter. She had reared a family of five children: Rev. John Gerhart, who is the pastor of the German Lutheran church at Quyvrel, Idaho; Mrs. Johanna Ludwig, a widow, who is still living in the old country; H. A., of this sketch; Dietrich, who lives in Chicago; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of H. L. Vonder, a farmer of Ireton, Iowa.

Accompanied by his mother, brother and sister, H. A. Toenjes came to the United States in 1874, settling in Jones county where he has since resided. He had learned the carpenter's trade in the land of his birth, and after coming to this country he followed it for about two years. He then took up farm work by the month, and four years later engaged in farming for himself. He selected Wayne township as the scene for his labors and bought here eighty acres. After he had proved to his satisfaction that he could make a success of this vocation he bought one hundred and twenty acres more, so, that he now has a farm of two hundred acres on section 28. This is especially well improved, the result

of his own endeavors, and the buildings are of an exceptionally fine character. In addition to the work of the fields he milks about thirty-five cows, engaging to some extent in the dairy business. He assisted in the organization of the Co-operative Creamery Company of Amber and is now on the board of directors of the concern.

Mr. Toenjes wedded, January 28, 1877, Miss Margaret Zimmerman, who was born near Dixon, Illinois, May 13, 1859, but was only four weeks old when brought to Jones county by her parents, A. G. and Anna (Grumm) Zimmerman, who were born, reared and married in Hanover, Germany. They came to the United States in 1854 and five years later came to Iowa, where Mr. Zimmerman, bought a farm in Wayne township, where he lived until he retired from active life and took up his residence in the village of Amber. There his death occurred in 1904 and there his widow still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Toenjes have had thirteen children; John C., of Ireton, Iowa; Anna E., who is the wife of Warner Heiken, of Cass township; A. G., of Wayne township; Augusta M., who is the wife of Herman Folkers, of Wayne township; Julia, who lives at home; Johannah, who resides in Greeley, Colorado; George, Elizabeth, Clara, Laura and Herman, who are still at home; William, who died in infancy; and Maria, who died at the age of three. The family are members of Zion German Lutheran church of Wayne township, and take an active part in its social and religious life. Since he has become a citizen of this republic Mr. Toenjes has looked to the democratic party for his guidance in political affairs and while he has not been active in public affairs he held the office of township trustee for a period of three years and has ever been interested in the welfare of his fellowmen. He is not only a diligent worker but is also imbued with those ideas of progress which make his counsel of real value to other men who are struggling toward success and distinction in the same line of work.

J. V. SMITH.

J. V. Smith, who is now one of the substantial farmers of Wyoming township, was born in Scotland, June 20, 1835, and is a son of David and Isabel (McCladen) Smith. The parents were also natives of that country, but in 1855 they brought their family to the United States. They came direct to Iowa, locating upon a farm in Jones county, which remained theirs for the remaining years of their lives. Mr. Smith died in 1872, but his wife survived him for ten years, witnessing the success which had already opened for her son. Of the six children who were born of their union two alone are now living: J. V., of this sketch, and Elizabeth, who makes her home in Center Junction.

J. V. Smith received a good common-school education in his native land and remained with his parents until they settled in this county. Then he began to make his own way in the world, having attained the age of twenty years. For a time he worked by the day as a laborer and then, in 1856, went to Nebraska, where he preempted land, living upon it for about five years to insure his possession and improving it during that period. In 1861 he returned to this county

and bought the farm on which he now lives. It embraces one hundred and sixty acres, has been well improved and is cultivated so that it renders rich returns for the labor spent upon it. It was in 1875 that Mr. Smith put up the fine brick house which is his home, and he has since made several improvements, so that it is a very comfortable and convenient dwelling.

In 1858 Mr. Smith wedded Miss Sarah J. Hunt, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, in 1840. Her parents, J. W. and Catherine Hunt, were among those who sought homesteads in Nebraska when that state was thrown open with many inducements to families and they passed the remainder of their lives there. Two of their eight children have also died. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: George D., who is now in Clinton, Iowa; James A., of Onslow; Emma L., who is the wife of Delbert Wright, of this county; J. E., who lives at home; Jennie, who is the wife of Jerome Bender, of Wyoming; Laura A., and John G., who are at home; and six who have died. Mrs. Smith was taken from this world in 1902 and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Wyoming. Reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Smith still gives unwavering support to its creed, while politically he affiliates with the republican party, feeling convinced of the value of its principles in the government of a nation. He has taken no small part in public affairs of the township, for he has filled some of the offices within the gift of the people and always with the same success which has attended his own agricultural operations.

FRANK KENNEY.

While the newspaper of the average country town is usually taken as a criterion of the business enterprise of the place, and the support accorded it is generally indicative of the thrift and progressiveness of the people, it is upon the editor that rests the responsibility of making the news medium representative of the best interests of the community he seeks to serve and securing the support and loyalty of those who will profit by a large circulation. For almost a decade, Frank Kenney has guided the destinies of the Oxford Mirror, more than doubling its general efficiency and vastly increasing the value of the position it has come to hold in Oxford Junction. The present editor was born at Albany, Illinois, June 16, 1880, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney. The parents were of Canadian birth and ancestry, their native home having been Smiths Falls. During his life the father was a roadmaster in the employ of a railroad, but he died when his son was but eight years of age, so that the latter was reared by his mother, who is still living.

Frank Kenney received his education in the public schools of Oxford Junction, graduating in the class of 1896. In 1893, while he was still a pupil, he began to learn the printer's trade in the Oxford Mirror office under the direction of Charles A. Seaton, and then when his education was completed he went to Savanna, Illinois, to work in the Daily Journal office, of which his brother-in-law, F. S. Greenleaf, was proprietor. In 1898 he had an opportunity to buy the plant of the Oxford Mirror, and feeling that it was a chance not to be

missed, he assumed charge of the paper on the 9th of March, that year. The Mirror had been started in 1879 by George F. Crouch, under very favorable circumstances, although Oxford Junction was at the time only a small village. The first issue appearing October 30, was a six column folio and sold at a subscription price of one dollar and a quarter a year. The next year the price was reduced to a dollar and the journal continued on a prosperous career, although with several changes of editors until February 5, 1889, when the office was totally destroyed by fire. The founder, Mr. Crouch, again appeared upon the scene and, bringing out the paper, said editorially: "Phoenix like, the Mirror has arisen from the ashes, and today appears before its readers in a new form, printed on new presses, from new type, in a new office, and with a new editor at its head." The subscription has grown from five hundred and seventy-five each week to one thousand, while the advertising patronage has increased in relative proportion and the job department more than tripled its effectiveness. While these increases are materially due to the business policy of the owner, they are due in even greater degree to his wise foresight which permitted nothing but the best work to issue from his office. This policy won customers from other towns that were not lacking in printing establishments, although they were not able to produce the quality of typographical work upon which the Mirror prided itself. Standing by the town, working for its best interests, the paper has won a loyal support from the citizens of Oxford Junction, who have every reason to feel proud of the weekly that bears the name of their town.

In Oxford Junction, July 31, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kenney and Miss Bess Panuska, and they have one son, born April 14, 1909. Politically Mr. Kenney has allied himself with the democratic party, on which ticket he was elected to the city council in 1903 and to the secretaryship of the school board in 1908, holding both positions up to the present. Fraternally he enjoys pleasant relations with the Masons since he was admitted to the order in 1902, and with the Knights of Pythias. In the latter society he has been especially active, having filled all the chairs, finishing as chancellor commander in January, 1908. Enterprising and a man of strong principles, he has contributed in no small degree to the progress of Oxford Junction, while his administration of public trusts has been both efficient and honorable.

HENRY EICHHORN.

Henry Eichhorn is one of the German farmers of Wyoming township, the extent of whose fields affords another indication of what can be accomplished through industry and economy, for when he came to this country he did not have as much as five dollars in his pockets. He was born in Germany, March 14, 1858, and is a son of Christ and Christina Eichhorn, who died in the fatherland which had been their home since their birth.

Under their guidance Henry Eichhorn had learned those invaluable lessons of industry and frugality which have brought him such large returns since he came to this country, and he obtained his education in the public schools of

his birthplace. In 1879, when he had reached man's estate, he embarked on his journey to the United States, and upon landing made his way to Jones county, Iowa, where he secured work as a farm hand. In three years he felt he had saved enough and had become sufficiently familiar with our language and customs to warrant his engaging in farming on his own account, so he rented land, which he operated for ten years. At the end of that period he was able to buy one hundred and eighty acres, a part of the farm on which he is living today. As his undertakings prospered he added one hundred and twenty acres to this tract and then one hundred and sixty more, until now he owns in the aggregate four hundred and sixty acres of good land in Wyoming township. While a part of this is cultivated more is used as pasture land for the large herds of cattle and the hogs he raises in such number that he sends annually four and five carloads to market. Such has been the profit of the thirty years he has spent in this section of the state.

In 1883 Mr. Eichhorn married Miss Anna Broaderson, who was born in Germany and had come to the United States and to Jones county a year before her marriage. To their union nine children have been born: Christina; Peter; Hattie; Christ; Laura; one who died in infancy; Henry; another who died in infancy; and Thomas. The children are living at home with the exception of Laura, who, having graduated from the Wyoming high school, is now engaged in teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Eichhorn were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and continue to give to it their religious adherence. When he was admitted to citizenship in this republic Mr. Eichhorn turned to the democratic party for his guidance in political matters and has since been stanch in his support of its principles, believing that they embody some of the best ideas for the government of a nation. He has taken no part in local affairs, except during a period of sixteen years when he was a member of the school board, and yet his record and the success he has won for himself in the difficult line of agriculture naturally brings his name before the minds of his fellow citizens as a man who could ably guide their fortunes along a straight and prosperous road.

CHARLES WILBERT EYE.

Charles Wilbert Eye, a successful representative of the agricultural interests of Madison township, was born in Wyoming township, this county, May 1, 1874. His parents, Selo and Margaret (Pilsenbarger) Eye, are numbered among the early settlers of this section of the state. The father came from West Virginia, his native state, in his young manhood, and the mother was born in Illinois, while her parents were en route to Iowa. The young people took part in the development of the country and when in the course of years they were married they located in Wyoming township, where they still reside, Mr. Eye long figuring as one of the enterprising and prosperous farmers of the community.

Charles Wilbert Eye attended the common schools from which he received fair instruction in the rudimentary branches of English education. He worked

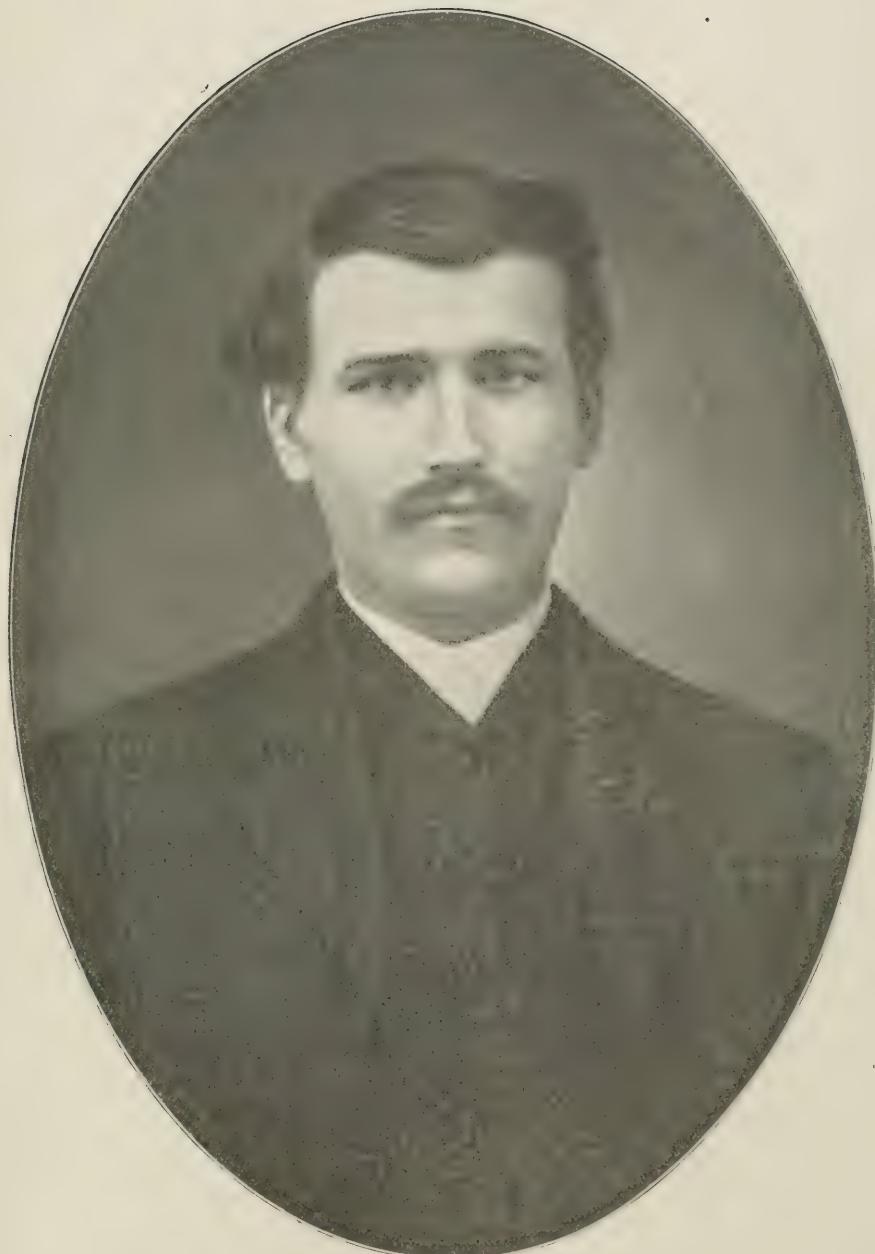
with his father during vacations, so that when twelve years ago he decided to engage in farming for himself, he was not unprepared for his responsibilities. It was in 1897 that he rented a farm in the neighborhood in which he had grown to manhood and four years later he assumed the management of his father's place, while in 1907 he purchased the land on which he lives and works today. It is a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved, and cultivated in a way to obtain the largest harvests possible. In addition to the raising of cereals, Mr. Eye has engaged extensively in the stock business for the last four years making a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle. In the fall of 1909 he had two carloads ready for the market and as they were fine animals, he disposed of them with a handsome profit to himself. His income, sufficient to permit his enjoyment of many of the luxuries of life is earnest of the industry with which he has pursued the calling to which he has devoted himself.

In 1896 Mr. Eye was united in marriage to Miss Bertha N. Wright, of Wyoming, and they now have two sons and a daughter: Charles H., Joyce O. and Loyal E. He and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Since he has been of an age to exercise the franchise right of every American citizen he has cast his ballot invariably for the candidate of the democratic party, **as he places the utmost reliance in the ideas promulgated by it.** He has never sought official preferment for himself, however, although the success which he has won in his work and the strong qualities of his personality would naturally suggest him to the minds of his fellows as an efficient trustee of the people's interests.

W. L. OVERLEY.

W. L. Overley, deceased, who during his lifetime was one of the conspicuously successful farmers of Jones county, was born in Kentucky in 1847. He was still a young man, however, when he came to this state, seeking to make a fortune for himself in a region which was comparatively new and unimproved. He procured a place of good size, to which he devoted himself with an energy that was not slow in winning results. Bountiful harvests repaid him richly for the days of hard toil he had spent in the fields and then by husbanding his resources and his profits he was able to take advantage of the land values spread out before him, adding from time to time, as opportunity offered, to the fields he had first attempted to cultivate, until at his death he was possessed of three hundred acres. His land was all well improved, as the result of his own efforts, and both in the orderliness of its appearance and in the quality and maintenance of the buildings gave evidence of the skill of the owner in his work and of his thrift in caring for his possessions. On the 25th of December, 1906, Mr. Overley's life was ended and a good man was known to have passed from the community in which he lived. Since his death Mrs. Overley has disposed of the real estate he left, retaining only the house and lot in Onslow where she now lives.

For more than thirty-six years Mr. Overley and his wife were permitted to pass down the highway of life together. Mrs. Overley was Miss Ellen South



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in her maidenhood and was one of a family of eight children. Although of Canadian birth she had for some years been a resident of this state and county, where she met Mr. Overley. Their union was celebrated March 15, 1870, and in the course of years was blessed by seven children: Ada L., who is the wife of John Dew, of South Dakota; Sarah, who married Elmer Omer and is living in California; Emma F., who is the wife of William Sandhouse, of Jones county; Bessie M., who married John Faust, of this county; Lelia Mae, who is the wife of Alfonso Babcock and lives in Texas; and two who have passed away. There are also nine grandchildren.

Mr. Overley was a staunch supporter of the republican party, never failing to give his support to its candidate at elections and always playing a conspicuous part in its councils. For more than twenty years he had been a member of the Masonic lodge, in which he had a host of friends, for he never begrimed any effort which might tend to advance the welfare of his fraternal brothers. Among these he was sincerely mourned when death carried him from their midst, though he was more deeply missed from the family circle, where he was known as a devoted husband and a loving father. Mrs. Overley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LOUIS GARDNER.

Jones county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied its offices as on the whole they have been citizens devoted to the best interests of the community and seeking the public welfare through promptness and faithfulness in the discharge of the duties that devolve upon them. Such is the record of Louis Gardner who is now filling the office of county auditor.

He was born in Monticello, Iowa, on the 10th of June, 1876, and is a son of David E. and Mary A. (Wales) Gardner, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Vermont. The mother went to Monticello in 1860, landing at what is now known as Proctor's Stoop at the old Dewey mill. David E. Gardner had arrived at an early date in company with Charles E. Wales, his wife's brother, with whom he was interested in raising hops and also in buying and selling. They were pioneers in the business in this locality and in fact were early settlers whose identification with the region proved an element in its up-building. For a long period Charles E. Wales has now been a resident of Dubuque, Iowa, and has been widely known as a popular hotel man. He was the first proprietor of the Julien at Dubuque and for a number of years has now conducted the Wales, a leading hostelry of that city. For many years David E. Gardner engaged in merchandising at Monticello as a member of the firm of Gardner & Eaton. In after years the firm engaged in the grocery trade exclusively and the partnership continued for many years with mutual pleasure and profit, the firm being long recognized as one of the most enterprising and reliable in the city. The death of David E. Gardner occurred in 1894 when he was sixty-seven years of age and the mother died July, 1909, in Monticello. Their family numbered six children, of whom Louis is the youngest. The others are: Kittie,

the wife of Edward C. Squires, a resident of Chicago, by whom she has three children: Dette, Jack and Kittie; D. E., who wedded Minnie E. Black and resides in Chicago; Mary A., the wife of T. H. Barney, of Kansas City, Missouri; and two children who died in infancy.

Louis Gardner was early thrown upon his own resources, starting to work when but twelve years of age. Thereafter he had to assist in the support of his mother as well as provide for his own maintenance. He earned his first money in the employ of J. W. Doxsee, of Monticello, for whom he sawed a cord of wood and carried it all up stairs. For about four years he was employed at odd jobs and was with a canning company for a time while afterward he became a newsboy. He received his training in the newspaper field and the printing business when seventeen years of age and for thirteen years was employed by J. W. Doxsee in the printing business. He was recognized as a most faithful employe, diligent in performing the tasks entrusted to him and at all times loyal to his employer's interests. In 1905 he engaged in the show business which he followed for three years, traveling over a large portion of the country. In the fall of 1908 he was elected auditor of Jones county, which office he is now filling to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a wide-awake, enterprising and progressive man, who has made steady progress since starting out in life for himself in early boyhood.

On the 24th of June, 1900, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Blanche M. Thoehi, a daughter of Martin and Anna Thoehi. The father was a native of Italy and of Swiss descent. The mother was born in Iowa and her parents were of Scotch and Irish lineage. The death of Mrs. Gardner occurred in 1906 when she was but twenty-eight years of age and many friends mourned her loss for her good qualities endeared her to all with whom she was brought in contact.

In social relations Mr. Gardner has won favorable and friendly regard and enjoys in large measure the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he never wavers in his support thereof. He is not the only member of his family who has served in public office in Jones county for his father, as early as 1878, was a member of the county board of supervisors.

RICHARD S. RUSSELL.

Richard S. Russell, one of the farmers of Greenfield township, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1861, and is the son of J. H. and Sophia (Warner) Russell, both natives of the Keystone state. In the late '60s the parents came to Iowa, settling first in Linn county, and subsequently coming to Jones county, where they secured a farm in Greenfield township. They lived on section 22 for five years and on the farm now owned by our subject several years. The father died a number of years ago at the age of seventy-six years, but his wife survived until October 4, 1907, when she passed away in the seventy-ninth year of her age. They had a family of ten children: Joseph, de-

ceased; George, who is living in Independence, Iowa; Richard and Robert, of Greenfield township; Edward, living in Rome township; Amanda; Alice, deceased; Mrs. Emma Kendall, who lives in Mechanicsville, and two who died when very young.

Richard S. Russell was but seven years old when his parents removed to Linn county and when, six months later, they came to Greenfield township, Jones county. Here he grew to maturity, assisting his father and older brothers in the work of the farm from the time that he was able to handle the implements of agriculture. He received a fair education in the schools of the township and in his home learned those lessons of life that are indispensable if a man is to succeed in honest endeavor. Through his own efforts he was able to purchase one hundred and seventy acres of good arable land in this county, and also to buy ten acres of timber in Cedar county. The Greenfield township farm is modern in every way, in the well tilled fields and in the substantial buildings evincing the skill of a man industrious and progressive. The house is deserving of especial mention, it is large, well built and equipped with all the conveniences that make for the comfort of life.

On the 29th of April, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Russell and Miss Dora Grimm, a daughter of Daniel and Mollie (Reisland) Grimm, the latter, deceased. Mr. Grimm, however, is living in North English, Iowa, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. They were the parents of a large family: Dora, who is now Mrs. Russell; William Henry, who lives in Oklahoma; Mrs. Ida Adams, who lives in Kansas; John A., of Garrison, Iowa; Mrs. Mollie Maria Fisher, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Daniel L., of Benton county, Iowa; Mrs. Oma C. Holderness, a resident of Deep River, Iowa; Charles E., of Benton county, Iowa; Lewis A., a resident of Benton, Iowa; and Hattie J., deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell have been born four children, all of whom live at home; Vesta who was twenty on November 25, 1909; Clella, who was sixteen in the same month; Perry, who was fourteen July 10, 1909; and Verda, who was eight on the 19th of November, 1909.

The family are members of the Evangelical church of White Oak, while Mr. Russell affiliates with the democratic party politically. His success in his undertakings as much as his public spirit have recommended him to the voters of Greenfield township, who three years ago elected him one of the trustees. His administration has been marked by the same characteristics of honesty and progress which have been noticeable in his own private life.

JOHN VON SPREECKEN.

John Von Spreecken, who has attained to a substantial position among the agriculturists of Wyoming township, was born in Germany, August 29, 1858, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth Von Spreecken. The mother and one child have passed away, but the father and two others are still living in the old country, John, of this review, Henry, of Spirit Lake, and Mary, of Clinton, are in this country.

John Von Spreecken received a good education in the public schools of his native land, where he also learned the miller's trade. Since he came to America, however, he has devoted himself exclusively to the tilling of the soil as a farm hand first, then as a renter, and finally as a man who, owning his land, obtains from it the full measure of its productiveness. It was in the year 1880 that he reached Clinton county, Iowa, having gone there immediately after landing upon our shores. For two years he worked for others and then secured eighty acres of land on which he worked as a tenant for three years, moving at the end of that time to a place twice that size, which remained his home for four years. He was then able to buy the farm on which he now lives. It is a fine tract of land, two hundred and forty acres in extent, which Mr. Von Spreecken has improved and cultivated until it is one of the best in the township. He also owns fifty-six acres in another part of Wyoming township, which makes his holdings lack but just a little of reaching the three hundred mark. He follows general farming, although he is mainly interested in the raising, feeding and shipping of all kinds of stock, and has found that his operations have brought him a large measure of success.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Von Spreecken was married to Miss Wilhelmena Schmalfeldt, who, like her husband, was a native of Germany. She, however, was but six years old when her parents went to Clinton county and with them she came to Wyoming township, where her father is still living, but her mother has passed away. Mrs. Von Spreecken is one of a family of seven children and has become the mother of nine: Rosie, Emma, Pauline, Maria, Alice, Leona, Peter, John and Harry. The eldest is the wife of Gus Eihlers and lives in Rockwell City; Emma married Max Hennigsen, of Wyoming township; and the other children are all living at home. The family are members and liberal supporters of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Von Spreecken has allied himself politically with the democratic party. He is interested in the welfare of the country of his adoption, especially in that of the little community where he lives, but aside from having held the office of school director for the last four years he has taken no part in its public life. Unremitting in his toil and careful in the management of his resources, he is now living in the enjoyment of all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

TOBIAS SWANSON.

One of the well-to-do farmers of Rome township is Tobias Swanson. He was born in Norway, May 17, 1868, and is the son of Swen and Nelleken Dorothe Swanson, both natives of the land of the midnight sun. The mother has passed away, but the father and his six other children are still living in their native country, Tobias Swanson having been the only one who was desirous of starting life afresh in this land of opportunities.

Tobias Swanson had not only received a good common-school education in the old country but had also attended college. In 1888 he started for the United States. Landing upon our shores he made his way to Monticello, Iowa,

where he obtained work as a farm hand. After two years he found employment in a creamery of which he was able to take charge after six months' experience. In 1893 he bought half an interest in four creameries and for thirteen years operated them with such success that he was able from time to time to purchase portions of the farm on which he lives today. In 1906 he sold his share in the butter-making business and the next year moved to his farm. The original piece of land has grown to two hundred and forty acres, which are under excellent cultivation and well improved.

On the 25th of July, 1900, Mr. Swanson was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Kramar, who was born at Anamosa. Her parents, David and Jane Kramar are also natives of this state and are still living in Olin. Mrs. Swanson was one of five children and through her marriage has become the mother of a daughter, Genevieve, a little maiden of few years but many interesting ways.

Upon being given his naturalization papers, Mr. Swanson chose the republican as the party to whom he would look for political guidance and has since been stanch in upholding its principles. Although he has not given much consideration to public matters, the citizens of Olin, recognizing him as a good man, elected him to the council. He enjoys pleasant fraternal relations with his brother Masons in lodge No. 200, at Olin, and with his wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. The Olin lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America also includes his name upon its muster-roll and finds him a member devoted to its interests and to the welfare of his brothers. The fact of his having been a stranger in a new land did not stand in the way of Mr. Swanson's advancement in the line of work he chose to follow. He applied himself to the tasks before him, and with those accomplished advanced to meet others, and his large tract of land indicates with what success.

WILLIAM C. THORN.

William C. Thorn, who was the citizens' last choice as mayor of the town of Oxford Junction, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, May 16, 1859, and is a son of George W. and Lucinda (Schriver) Thorn. The former was born in England, March 17, 1817, but came with his parents to the new world in 1826. They located first in Canada, near Toronto, later moving into the states. In 1841 he came to Iowa, taking up his residence upon a farm in Clinton county, which remained his home during the rest of his life. His wife was a native of the state of Ohio and passed away in 1865, while her husband lived until December, 1898, when his life was also brought to a close. Six children were born to them, namely: Ann, the wife of B. F. Jenkins; Minnie, deceased; Hannah, who is the widow of W. L. Brown and lives at West Bend, Iowa; Harold, a resident of Clinton county, Iowa; W. C., the subject of this sketch; and George W., who is living in Clinton, Iowa.

W. C. Thorn was but six years of age when he was deprived of a mother's care and love, although his father and older brothers and sisters endeavored to compensate for the loss. He remained under the paternal roof throughout the

years of his boyhood, attending the district schools of his locality, in which he received substantial preparation for the responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-one he began his business career. For several years he worked for farmers in his locality, but in 1882, having decided that agriculture was not his vocation, he turned to building bridges upon the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, devoting himself to that calling for about twenty-seven years. Now he has relinquished the heavier cares of life, and has taken up his residence in Oxford Junction, whose citizens, having confidence in the man as they had come to know him, elected him mayor. In his administration of his official duties he has had in mind the greatest benefit of his fellow citizens, supporting such measures as in his estimation would make for their advancement. In this way he has proved repeatedly that the confidence reposed in his judgment and honor was not misplaced.

In 1884 Mr. Thorn was united in marriage to Miss Florence Yale, who was also born in Clinton county, Iowa, and died in December, 1885. Her father has also passed away, but her mother is still living. Since old enough to exercise the franchise right of an American citizen, Mr. Thorn has given unqualified allegiance to the republican party. While he has not taken much part in the public affairs, his time has not been entirely devoted to selfish ends as is indicated by his election to the mayoralty. His relations with fraternal societies are limited to the Masons, the Oxford Junction lodge having his name enrolled upon its list of members.

J. W. NEWMAN.

J. W. Newman, whose industry and energy in former years now makes it possible for him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, was born in Richland county, Ohio, on the Scioto river, within twenty miles of Columbus, his birth occurring July 16, 1852. His father, Emanuel Newman, came to Iowa in May, 1853, settling in Fairview township, Jones county, where he remained for four years, after which he removed to Greenfield township. Upon his arrival here he had not a dollar in his pocket, but with undaunted energy he at once sought employment, which he secured. During the first year, however, he received only two dollars and forty cents in cash, taking the remainder of his wages in clothing and eatables. He was industrious and persevering, however, and as the years passed prosperity came to him and he eventually became the owner of over four hundred acres of land. During the Civil war he was drafted but borrowed the money and hired a substitute. In Richland county, Ohio, he had married Miss Elizabeth Spade and to them were born ten children. She was an earnest and consistent member of the United Brethren church and died in that faith in 1905 at the age of seventy-three years. His death occurred on the 30th of March, 1906, when he was seventy-five years of age.

J. W. Newman was but ten months old when his parents brought him to Greenfield township, and therefore practically his entire life has been spent within its borders. He remained under the parental roof until he attained young man-

hood, and then started out in the business world on his own account, farming sixteen years and later becoming identified with the lumber interests of Martelle. Throughout the succeeding years he devoted his time and attention to this line of activity and no better evidence of his ability and enterprise is needed than the remarkable success which attended his efforts during that period. He retired from active business in 1905 with a competence that makes it possible for him to enjoy all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. The money which he accumulated during his active business career has been wisely invested in real estate, and he now owns three hundred and fifty acres of choice farm land in Greenfield township, eight hundred and forty acres in Minnesota and several business buildings in the town of Martelle, his holdings making him one of the extensive property owners in Greenfield township. He is also well known in the financial circles of Martelle, being one of the organizers of the new Citizens Savings Bank of that town.

It was in 1875 that Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Murfield, a daughter of J. S. Murfield, one of the early settlers of Greenfield township, residing here since 1851. Unto this union were born three children, namely: Blanche, the wife of Charles Holcomb; Gertie, who married Earl Boxwell; and Edna, who is still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have three grandsons and one granddaughter.

The family hold membership in the church of Christ at Martelle and are people of high standing in the community in which they reside. Fraternally Mr. Newman belongs to White Rose Lodge, K. P., of Martelle, while politically he is a very stanch and loyal supporter of the prohibition party, being bitterly opposed to the liquor traffic, deeming it one of the greatest evils against which the country has to contend. He is a member of the town council of Martelle, having held that office since the town was organized, and he has served as tax collector and school director of Greenfield township for two years. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he ever has the best interests of the community at heart and his cooperation is never withheld from any movement which has for its object the material, political, intellectual and moral welfare of Greenfield township. Starting out in life without any favoring advantages, he has worked his way upward in the business world through his own efforts entirely, and today stands among the representative and substantial citizens of his township, well deserving the proud American title of a self-made man. His success, however, has been worthily won, for throughout his entire career there has been not a single esoteric phase, his methods at all times measuring up to a high standard of commercial ethics.

JOHN R. BREED.

John R. Breed is now living retired in Anamosa, but in former years was closely associated with farming interests, winning substantial success through his labors in the fields. He was born in Greenfield township, Jones county, March 1, 1852. His parents, Amos and Eliza Breed, removed from Chenango county, New York, to this state in the fall of 1851 and lived upon the old

homestead farm until called to their final rest, the father always devoting his time and energies to the cultivation of the soil. He died July 26, 1866, and his widow, long surviving, passed away November 22, 1887.

John R. Breed was educated largely in the country schools and also spent some time in Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, thus obtaining thorough preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. The occupation to which he was reared he determined to make his life work and when he put aside his text-books he resumed his labors in the fields. In his youthful days he was somewhat of an athlete and very fond of all outdoor sports. After the death of the father his older brother Ira took charge of the farm, which they operated together until the death of the brother on the 17th of July, 1909. As he took up farming for himself he bent his energies to the further development and cultivation of the fields in a way that brought substantial returns. He studied the nature of the soil and the needs of various cereals and inculcated the principles of scientific farming into the work of developing the home place. Year after year he thus carefully carried on his work with the result that in time he accumulated a handsome competence sufficient to enable him to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. In March, 1908, therefore, he removed to Anamosa, where he has since lived retired.

On the 22d of November, 1888, Mr. Breed was married to Miss Cora A. Burch, the wedding being celebrated at the home of her father, T. M. Burch, in Madison township, Jones county. They became parents of twin boys, who died in infancy and a daughter, Glada M. Mr. Breed has been a member of Knights of Pythias lodge of Martelle for about eighteen years, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party of the principles of which he is a stalwart advocate and yet he has had little time for the honors and emoluments of office, finding through many years that his time and energies were fully occupied by his business pursuits.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Robert Livingston owns and operates a highly improved farm of two hundred and forty acres, situated on section 32, Scotch Grove township, and he has been identified with its cultivation for the past thirty-two years. Mr. Livingston was born in Perthshire, Scotland, November 20, 1846, a son of John F. and Margaret (Ferguson) Livingston, who were likewise natives of Scotland, where they were reared and married. About 1855 the father emigrated with his family to the new world and seeking a home in the west, located in Madison township, Jones county, Iowa, following farming there until his death, which occurred in 1872. His widow survived for many years but is now deceased.

Robert Livingston was a lad of nine years at the time the family emigrated to the new world and the experiences of the voyage across the Atlantic were of deep interest to his young mind and are still vivid in his recollection. When the family became settled in their new home the son was sent to school during the winter seasons, while in the periods of vacation he assisted in the work on



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the home farm and thus year by year his knowledge of agriculture was increased, so that when he attained his majority he was qualified to engage in farming on his own account. He purchased eighty acres in Scotch Grove township and with his newly acquired possessions as an incentive to hard labor, he began work in earnest. This was merely a start for him, for his ambitious spirit led him on to greater success and he is today the owner of two hundred and forty acres, located on section 32, Scotch Grove township. He has made many improvements on the place in the way of good buildings and his fields respond in bounteous harvests to the care and labor he bestows upon them. In addition to his land Mr. Livingston also owns stock in the Lovell State Bank, of which he was one of the organizers.

In 1874 Mr. Livingston was married to Miss Celia A. Cline, of Anamosa, Iowa, and to this union were born seven children, but the youngest, Robert C., is deceased, as is also the mother, whose death occurred April 3, 1890. The sons and daughters, who with the father were left to mourn her loss, are: Lillian A., the wife of A. W. McDonald, cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Hopkinton, Iowa; John W., a farmer of Scotch Grove township; Nellie, at home; Charles C., also at home; Minnie B., who is engaged in teaching in the school near her home; and Florence L., a stenographer in the law office of J. W. Doxsee, of Monticello.

A republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Livingston has served as trustee of Scotch Grove township at various times for nine years and is the present incumbent in the office. He has also been a school director for many years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as a trustee. Inheriting the sterling characteristics of a long line of sturdy Scotch ancestry and endowed by nature with a good constitution, he early developed all the attributes which make the successful man. He has ever taken a lively interest in public affairs, lending his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement and heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his community.

HENRY D. MILLER.

Reared to the life of a farmer and an agriculturist of prominence himself, Henry D. Miller has not confined his interests to the soil, however, but has become one of Morley's more important business men and one of the well known stockmen of Jones county. He lives upon a farm in Rome township. His birth occurred January 7, 1867. His father, L. K. Miller, belongs to the older generation of men who came to this state when it was first opened for settlement, and is now living in retirement in Rome township. A more extended mention is made of him, however, in another part of this volume. With the blood of pioneers flowing in his veins, the achievements of the early settlers to stimulate him to equal their success, Mr. Miller has more than proved his right to his heritage.

In the district schools of this county Henry D. Miller received his first training in the elementary branches of English education. He then passed on to the high school, returning, after lessons were completed to the work on the farm. For several years he merely assisted his father, and then, when he became of age, the latter took him into partnership in the management of the old homestead. This was a section of land which his paternal grandfather had entered in 1844, and eighty acres of which have since come into his possession. For about sixteen years, however, he operated it in conjunction with his father and at the same time engaged in the breeding and raising of fine shorthorn cattle. In 1901 he embarked in mercantile business at Morley, Iowa, and also opened a store in Martelle, where in addition to a general line of merchandise he handles hardware and farm implements of all kinds. Some years ago he was foremost in promoting the organization of the First National bank in Olin and has since been one of its directors, but with all his business interests he has continued in his agricultural pursuits. The old homestead is still his home, though he has increased his landholdings from time to time until he now owns three hundred and thirty acres on sections 7 and 8, Rome township, and the stock business is still his specialty, for he enjoys the reputation of having perhaps one of the best herds of shorthorn cattle in the county, if not in the state of Iowa.

On the 15th of March, 1891, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Myrtle Farnham, who was born in Rome township, June 19, 1868, and is a daughter of H. P. and Mary C. (Ristine) Farnham. The father was a native of Hanover, Massachusetts, while the mother was born in Ohio, but shortly after their union the couple came to Iowa, which was then in the first stages of its development. Here they have spent their years and are still residing in this county. In their family were six children, and Mrs. Miller has become the mother of two: one who died in infancy; and Florence, who was born July 21, 1899.

A democrat in his political affiliations, Mr. Miller is yet no politician nor office seeker, for his private responsibilities have claimed all of his time. He has, however, been able to attend the meetings of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Masons. He is a most devoted adherent of the latter organization, having attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Mr. Miller belongs in the ranks of those men who have used their every opportunity to its fullest and obtained from each a success that has advanced them far upon the road of life. The excellent condition of his farm bespeaks the character of his husbandry and the prosperity that has followed his business operations is an indication of his acumen in the world of affairs.

L. M. CARPENTER.

Having for more than thirty years been one of the prominent business men of the village of Olin, L. M. Carpenter has retired from active life but he still retains his residence in the town. His is one of the handsome homes here, its spacious grounds and attractive exterior being indicative in a slight degree of

the success which its owner has won through the exercise of his pronounced ability in the world of barter and exchange.

A native son of Rome township, L. M. Carpenter was born March 13, 1856, his parents being D. R. and Christiana Carpenter. Both were natives of the state of Ohio, but came to Jones county, Iowa, in 1854, where Mr. Carpenter entered land. A few years later, however, he embarked in mercantile business in Olin, where he conducted a profitable general store until 1882, when he retired. He also identified himself with the interests of his fellow citizens, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and was a stanch advocate of the principles of the republican party. A long life of usefulness was granted to him and before he died he enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing his son following in his footsteps along the road of progress in the world's affairs, for he lived until 1901, being seventy-six years of age when his course was run. His wife, on the other hand, had died in 1862. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Olin. Four children had been born to them, namely: A. E., who is now in Ottawa, Kansas; Sarah, deceased; L. M., the subject of this sketch; and Lillie, who is also deceased.

L. M. Carpenter literally grew up in the mercantile business, for he always assisted his father from his childhood's days. He attended the public schools of his locality, whence he derived a fair training in the rudimentary branches of education. At the age of sixteen he was entrusted by his father to go to Chicago to buy all the stock, and at one time, during that early period, purchased ten thousand dollars' worth of goods, a large amount for so young a boy. At the age of twenty, his father took him into partnership in his operations. The success which had marked the senior man's undertakings but increased during the years when father and son shared the toils and returns of the business, yet in 1887 Mr. Carpenter deemed it the best thing to sell his interests to Lamb Brothers of the firm of Lamb, Carpenter & Lamb, of which he was a member. Thereupon he engaged in the hardware and grain business, in which he continued until 1895, when he sold out to G. W. Huber. He has since been living retired. Like his father Mr. Carpenter has been very successful in all of his undertakings and has secured a handsome income, from which he is now deriving the benefit. In addition to the residence he occupies in Olin, which is one of the finest of the town, he owns several business buildings and has three hundred and sixty-six acres of land in Fairview township, and the fact that he is the vice president of the First National Bank at Olin is another indication of his financial stability.

At the age of twenty Mr. Carpenter wedded Miss Nevada Lamb, also a native of Rome township, where her birth occurred in May, 1858. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary J. (Easterly) Lamb, who were born in Ohio, where they were reared and married, but came to Iowa in the early '50s. Jacob Lamb did not long survive the change of home, for he died in 1863, but his wife lived until 1904, when she passed away, at the age of seventy-one years. Eight children were born to the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have had two daughters: one who died in infancy; and Lillie May, who was born in 1878 and died in 1895. She had profited by many educational advantages and was a young woman of high culture, while an attractive and gracious personality endeared her to a host of friends and acquaintances in Olin. When death called her she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Olin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Carpenter is trustee, and both are otherwise identified with its work. Politically Mr. Carpenter is a stanch republican and is deeply interested in public matters playing no insignificant part in the local councils of his party and in local affairs. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masons, as a member of lodge No. 200, and with the Modern Woodmen.

WILLIAM N. DEARBORN.

William N. Dearborn, of Stone City, the measure of whose success is found in the extensive business relations which he now enjoys, stands today as one of the leading contractors of his section of the state. His operations in this field have covered a wide range and, forceful and resourceful, he is classed with those business men whose interests constitute a source of general prosperity as well as individual success. Born in Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, on the 30th of May, 1861, Mr. Dearborn is a son of Henry and Martha H. Dearborn, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. The latter, who in her maidenhood was Martha H. Frankland, was born and reared in Manchester, England, and was brought to the United States when a maiden of twelve years.

William N. Dearborn was educated in the public schools of Anamosa but did not graduate. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, at the age of nineteen years he began learning the stone cutter's trade in his father's quarry and was thus employed until he attained his majority, when he was admitted to a partnership by his father, his brother, H. F. Dearborn, being also a member of the firm. They successfully engaged in quarrying and selling stone and are still in business. In 1903 under the firm name of H. Dearborn's Sons, Mr. Dearborn became associated with M. S. Jackson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a general contracting business. This firm now maintains offices in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo, Iowa, and are among the foremost building and paving contractors of this part of the state. They have recently completed a large paving contract at Cedar Rapids and also sewer contracts at that place and at Waterloo, Iowa, Batavia, East Moline and Rock Falls, Illinois and Kirksville, Missouri. They now have contracts for work of this character at Waterloo, Prophetstown and Maquoketa. Their business has reached very extensive proportions and is now a very profitable undertaking, necessitating the employment of a large force of workmen in the execution of their contracts. Mr. Dearborn is also the vice president of the Anamosa National Bank, is president of the Jones County Telephone Company, and is associated with the firm of H. Dearborn's Sons and with H. Dearborn & Company of Stone City, and with the Johnson Gas Light Company of Cedar Rapids.

On the 1st of January, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of William N. Dearborn to Miss Ora Belle Thompson, at Maquoketa, Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the republican party which finds in him a strong supporter but not an office seeker. He is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to

Anamosa Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he was master for two years; Mount Sinai Chapter, R. A. M., Mount Olivet Commandery, K. T., of which he was eminent commander for three years, and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids, of which he was potente in 1901-02. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to the consistory at Cedar Rapids. He is likewise a member of the Elks lodge of Cedar Rapids, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Order of the Eastern Star. These, however, are but minor interests in the life of Mr. Dearborn, who has directed his energies and efforts along the lines where mature experience and discretion have led the way. His interests have constantly broadened until the extent of his business connections makes him one of the most prominent contractors of Iowa.

WILLIAM H. CRAIN.

William H. Crain, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Olin, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Ramage) Crain. The parents were both natives of New Jersey and came from families who had long been identified with the affairs of that state and of the nation. His maternal grandfather served in the war of 1812. After Joseph Crain married and the birth of his first child, he moved to Pennsylvania, where he lived continuously until his death, save for the three years in which he served in the Union army during the Civil war. After the outbreak of hostilities he enlisted in 1861 in Company E, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served three years, the period of his enlistment and was then honorably discharged. Mr. Crain returned to his Pennsylvania home and devoted himself to the carpenter's trade until his death, which occurred in September, 1880. His wife had passed away two years previously. Seven children were born of this union; Emma, who is deceased; William H., the subject of this review; Thomas D., who lives in this county; Mary, deceased; Eugene, who lives in Pennsylvania; Mathilda, the wife of J. M. Shields, of this county; and Fred, who is residing in Denison, Texas.

William H. Crain attended the common schools, but at the age of thirteen he began to make his own way in the world. He hired out as a farm hand until 1875, when he came to Jones county, Iowa. Here he began work at the carpenter's trade and three years later engaged in agricultural pursuits, first renting a farm for three years and then buying one. It consisted of only eighty acres, but as he won success from his labors he was able to add forty acres to it. There he lived until 1888, when he came to Olin. On the 1st of January, 1889, he bought the furniture store where he is now located and which he has since conducted. He has also done an undertaking business and from both has obtained a gratifying income. While those who come in contact with him recognize his success, this may best be indicated for persons at a distance by an enumeration of his landholdings. These include sixty-two acres in Hale township, thirteen lots in the village of Olin and two hundred and forty acres in Laclede county, Missouri. Another patent evidence of his substantial position is his occupancy

of the president's chair of the Citizens Savings Bank, for he has guided the financial policy of this institution since 1902.

In 1890 Mr. Crain was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Sealls, who was born in Iowa. Her parents, Edmund and Margaret M. (Truax) Sealls, were natives of Indiana, but came to Iowa shortly after their marriage. Her father passed away July 12, 1907, but her mother is still living in this county at the advanced age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Crain was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of three daughters: Alma Jessie, who is a graduate of the Olin high school, and is now a student in Drake University, Des Moines; and Majorie and Genevieve, who are at home.

Mr. Crain has always given his support to the republican party and has taken some part in local affairs, although he could never be called an office seeker, for he was township trustees for three years and is now serving his fifteenth year as councilman. In religious matters he attends and supports the Christian church, to which his wife belongs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being a member of lodge No. 200, A. F. & A. M., and also with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to lodge No. 245. In these organizations his strong character and integrity have been recognized and for three years he was honored with the responsible position of treasurer of the former lodge.

HERMANN OTTEN DANNEMANN.

Hermann Otten Dannemann, one of the substantial German farmers and dairy-men of Wayne township, was born in Wiese der Meer am wichmund, Oestfriesland, Germany, March 28, 1861, and is a son of Otten John and Trienchs Marie (Behrends) Dannemann. The mother has passed away, but Mr. Dannemann, who was a farmer during his active life, is still living in the land of his birth, although he has attained to the advanced age of ninety. Five children were born to him and his wife. They are: Gerd. Trienchs, Hermann, Marie and Etta, all of whom save Hermann, the subject of this sketch, are living in Germany.

Hermann Otten Dannemann was reared upon the home farm on which he lived until he was twenty years of age, when he decided to come to the United States. In 1881 he reached Illinois, where he secured employment on a farm by the month and the next year he rented land on which he worked. He afterward went to Nebraska, where he toiled as a laborer and then came to Jones county. For two years he worked for others by the month and then farmed with his father-in-law, for an equal period in Wayne township. By that time he had saved up enough money to enable him to purchase part of his present farm in this township. He invested first in two hundred and fifteen acres, to which he added from time to time, as opportunity presented itself, until now he owns four hundred acres on sections 27, 28, 34, and 35. It is all in one tract, however. Since Mr. Dannemann has obtained possession of the land he has greatly improved it, having erected large, substantial buildings, of fine construction and modern in every respect, exhibiting in many ways the progressive ideas

of their owner. In addition to the general farming Mr. Dannemann has engaged extensively in the raising and feeding of stock and in the dairy business. He milks from thirty to forty cows daily and disposes of his cream to the Co-operative Creamery Company of Amber, of which he was a director for two years.

In Jones county, October 14, 1886, Mr. Dannemann married Miss **Frances** Bodeker. She was born in Hepols, Oestfriesland, Germany, November 8, 1861, but was only four years old when her parents brought her to Iowa. Nine children have been born of this union: John Otto, Katie Marie, Anna Catherine, Otto Johnson, Maggie Marie, Trienches Marie, Etta Elizabeth, Emma Mathilda and Gerd Otten. The second child died in infancy, but the others are all living at home. The family are members of the Wayne township German Lutheran church, and take part in all of its social and religious life. Politically Mr. Dannemann is a democrat, that having been the party whose platform appealed most strongly to him when he became a naturalized citizen of the United States. For the last four years he has been one of the trustees of the township, which has benefited in no small degree through his direction of its affairs, for he is a man of principle, who has learned the secret of success in so far as his own private affairs are concerned and has not been chary in giving of his time and energy for promoting the welfare of those who belong to the little community in which he lives. He is also particularly interested in the village of Amber for he owns a house within its borders, a fact which is but another indication of his ability to seize a good opportunity when it presents itself, for property is now on the rise and Mr. Dannemann may think in the near future that he is justified in retiring from active life.

W. H. KLINE.

W. H. Kline is one of the type of men who have won the success they now enjoy in this world entirely through their own efforts. He has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and for more than thirty-five years has cultivated a farm of the one hundred and eighty acres he owns in sections 25 and 26, Greenfield township. He was born in Pennsylvania, November 19, 1851, and was fifteen years of age when his parents removed to Missouri. They later went to Illinois, where W. H. Kline remained for about seven years, coming to Jones county in 1872. His father, J. F. Kline, has also become a resident of this state and is living in Prairieburg, Linn county, at the advanced age of eighty-three. The mother died when her son, their only child, was but six months old. The father again married and has by this union the following children: Mrs. Sarah Knapp, residing in Prairieburg; C. W., who lives in Dakota; J. M., of Weldon, Iowa; Amanda, the wife of Henry Kohl, of Greenfield township; H. P., of Marion, Iowa; Mrs. Beebe, also of Marion, Iowa; Ella, who lives with her father in Prairieburg; and Mrs. Callie Knapp, whose home is in Martelle.

Having but just attained to man's estate when he came here, Mr. Kline was determined to succeed in his farming operations, and secured his tract of land. On this he has labored, cultivating the fields as best he could, keeping abreast

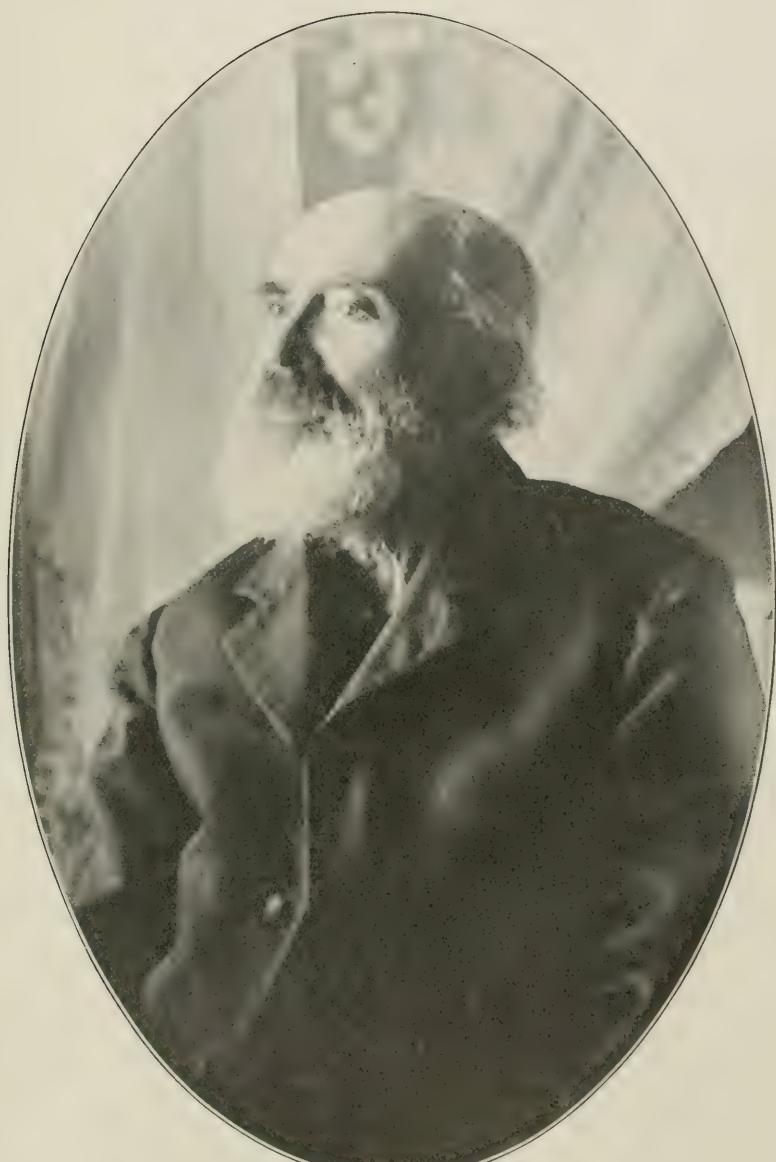
of the advancement made in agricultural methods, and never sparing hard toil when such was necessary. He also possessed a realization of the need of thrift and the capacity to manage his affairs economically, so that little of his efforts or substance has been wasted. His life has not been without its struggles, but they were met valiantly and he now is in the enjoyment of many comforts.

Mr. Kline was married January 1, 1874, to Miss Mary Kohl. She is a daughter of Amos and Maria (Grimm) Kohl and one of a family of eleven children, the others being: Henry; William; John, deceased; Mrs. Hempty; Ida, deceased; Lewis; Mrs. Emma Stearns; Mrs. Tena Melton; Charles; and Mrs. Minnie Fink. Except Mrs. Melton, who lives in Cedar county, those surviving are residents of Greenfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have had nine children: Mrs. Ida Andre, of Mechanicsville, who is the mother of a daughter, Lela, aged seven, and a son Melvin, aged three; Mrs. Anna Longerbeam who lives in Cedar county and has a daughter, Leola, aged seven; C. H., who lives in Hale township, southeast of Olin, and has two children, Mildred, aged five, and Valma, aged three; Elmer, who lives in Dakota; W. M., of Rome township; C. D., of Jackson township; Clayton and Cletus, twins, the latter deceased, the other living at home; and Clarence, who also lives at home.

The tenets of the Evangelical church have appealed strongly to the different members of the family and to it they have given their religious allegiance. The republican party is the one to which Mr. Kline looks for guidance in political matters, and while he has not sought nor held any office for twenty years he has served most efficiently as a member of the school board of his township. Educational matters have always interested him and he has frequently acted upon the various committees appointed by his fellow directors.

PETER H. SCHMALFELDT.

Despite his seventy-eight years, Peter H. Schmalfeldt is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Wyoming township, where he is known as a man who has won success from his vocation. He was born in Holstein, Germany, where his parents, Tin and Christina Schmalfeldt, lived and died. Indeed, he himself did not leave his fatherland until his education was completed, until he had married and had started to make his own way in the world. It was in 1866 that he undertook the journey across the ocean to the United States. After arriving here he came to Iowa, finding employment as a farm hand in Clinton county. For four years he worked for others, in the meantime saving enough money to enable him to rent a tract of land, which remained his home for fourteen years, when he bought the farm on which he lives today. It embraces three hundred and ten acres, is well improved, and through careful cultivation is capable of maintaining general farming which Mr. Schmalfeldt pursues upon it. His attention is mainly given, however, to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs which he ships in large numbers to the important markets. He is successful beyond the ordinary, for he has practiced those invaluable lessons of industry and frugality which seem almost to be the birthright of the sons of Germany.



P. H. SCHMALFELDT, SR.

While he was living in Germany, Mr. Schmalfeldt wedded Miss Mary Vel, and of their union have been born the following children: Christine, who is the wife of John Bohnson, of Wyoming township; Minnie, who is the wife of John Von Spreechen, also of that township; Catherine, who married Herman Ehrich and lives in Cedar county; Anna, who is the wife of John F. Clousen, a resident of Clinton county; Mary, who married Herman Errick of Hale; and Peter, who lives at home. Mrs. Schmalfeldt died in 1892, leaving a husband and six children to mourn her loss, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Wyoming.

When he became a citizen of this republic Mr. Schmalfeldt, looked to the democratic party as his guide in political matters and has since given to it his unswerving allegiance, for he has all confidence in the value of the principles it advocates. In the years that he has been a property holder in this township, he has served as school director and as road supervisor, but aside from having held these offices he has taken no part in local affairs, nor has he sought for recognition of his abilities. He is highly respected, however, for the tenor of his life has been such as to win the good will of those who know him. He owes religious allegiance to the German Lutheran church, that being the faith in which he was reared.

W. P. COBURN.

W. P. Coburn, who for more than a quarter of a century has tilled the soil of Wyoming township with pronounced success, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, June 27, 1853, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Patterson) Coburn. Both were natives of Ohio but came to Jones county in 1881, after their son had made a trial of the opportunities for advancement here and in Wyoming township passed the remaining years of their lives. They were the parents of seven children: W. P., the subject of this sketch; P. J., who lives in Ohio; Lydia, who is the wife of John Dorrance and lives in Ohio; Ettie, who married Robert Streeper and resides in this county; Emma, who is the wife of Grant Streeper, of this county; and two who died in infancy.

W. P. Coburn received from the common schools of his native county the rudiments of instruction in the English branches and in his home and on the farm that training which has made possible the progress of later years. At the age of twenty-four he left his parents, being desirous to make a place for himself in a new locality where he would have to demonstrate by his own efforts his right to the respect of his companions. In 1878 he came to Jones county, Iowa, where for the first year he worked as a farm hand, and then rented land for a year, after which he bought the farm on which he now lives. It embraces one hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 17. Wyoming township, is well improved as the result of Mr. Coburn's labors, and is cultivated by up-to-date methods, for he is a man who is progressive as well as industrious, studying his soil and the question of suitable crops with a view to obtaining the largest returns from the land at his disposal. He has also engaged in raising stock of all kinds for markets, a feature of his business which has added considerably to the income he derives from his toil.

In 1880 Mr. Coburn was united in marriage to Miss Celia McBurney, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Her parents, John and Martha McBurney, came to Jones county at an early date and here made their home until their death. One of a family of eight, Mrs. Coburn has through her marriage become the mother of five children: Laura Jane, a graduate of the Onslow schools, who is now engaged in teaching; John R., who lives in this county; Elmer H. and Mary P., who are at home; and Mildred M., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Coburn are consistent members and supporters of the Presbyterian church at Onslow and are intimately connected with its work. Politically he has always given unwavering support to the republican party, never failing to cast his vote for its candidates when exercising his right of franchise. For himself, however, he has not sought public preferment, though he has acted as school director, and while serving in that capacity has ever exerted his influence for the advancement of educational ideals. Fraternally he enjoys pleasant relations with the lodge of the Mystic Workers at Wyoming, among whose members he has made a number of loyal friends.

JOSEPH KULHAVY.

Joseph Kulhavy, one of the representative farmers of Oxford township, whose pronounced success in his vocation is the result of his own labors, was born in Bohemia, July 4, 1854. His parents, Michael and Anna Kulhavy, who were also natives of the same European country as their son, came to America in 1872, locating first in Chicago, where they resided for about two months, then they came to Jones county, Iowa, where the father secured land and died after fifteen years of hard work in this section of the state. His death occurred in 1887, but his widow is still living, having reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. Four children were born to the couple: Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Katie, the wife of Michael Benhart, of Oxford township; Frank, deceased; and Michael, of Oxford Junction.

Joseph Kulhavy was about eighteen years of age when his parents came to this country. He had received a fair public-school education in the land of his birth, and after he arrived in Iowa he assisted his father in making a home for the other members of the family. When he was twenty-five years of age he left the parental roof, obtaining employment as a section foreman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Twelve years later he bought a farm in Oxford township. It consisted of one hundred and seventy-eight acres and was his home for seven years, when he purchased the place on which he is living today. There were but one hundred and six acres when he acquired possession of it, but in addition to making many valuable improvements in the buildings and increasing the productiveness of the soil he has been able to add to its area until now it embraces two hundred and eighty-four acres. This has been tilled in accordance with the most advanced methods, yielding annually good crops, and an income that is gratifying to its possessor and but another indication of the great power of unremitting industry united with thrift and good manage-

ment. In the husbanding of his resources, Mr. Kulhavy has had the valuable assistance of his wife, who has cheerfully toiled and saved that her children might have the enjoyment of many comforts and advantages.

On the 3d of February, 1879, Mr. Kulhavy was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bees, who was born in Bohemia, August 29, 1857. Her parents, Frank and Anna Bees, were also of Bohemian birth, but came to America in 1863, locating in Jackson county, Iowa, where both passed the remainder of their lives. One of six children born to her parents, through her marriage Mrs. Kulhavy has become the mother of an equal number: Anna T., who is the wife of Charles Motcheck, of Guthrie county, Iowa; Mary, who married A. L. Eldred, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Julie, who is a stenographer in Chicago; Joseph, Jr., who married Vinnie Tyrrel and lives in Oxford township; Emma, deceased; and Frank, who is at home and is a graduate of the Oxford Junction high school. All the children, in fact, received a high-school education and two of the girls were engaged in teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Kulhavy are devout members of the Catholic church and are regular in their attendance at its services. Politically Mr. Kulhavy is a democrat but he has never sought public office, although he is interested in local affairs and never fails to cast his ballot as a citizen of this republic. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of Oxford Junction Lodge, No. 285, while he keeps in close touch with his brethren across the seas through his affiliation with the Western Brotherhood of Bohemia.

J. F. FISHER.

J. F. Fisher, one of the leading farmers of Rome township, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, October 15, 1858. His parents were William and Alice (Brogen) Fisher, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio. On the 5th of November, 1873, they abandoned their old home in Ohio and came to Iowa to try their fortunes in the county that was rapidly becoming one of the important agricultural centers of the state. Here they lived until the death of the father, which occurred in 1904. The mother, at the advanced age of seventy-five, still survives and enjoys seeing her three children comfortably established in life. J. F., the eldest is the subject of this sketch. Amy has become the wife of S. D. Easterly and lives in Olin. Maggie, the youngest, is the wife of Ed. Jeffries and lives in Onslow, Iowa.

J. F. Fisher was reared at home and from the district schools of his native county received his training in the fundamental branches of English instruction. Until he became of age he worked for his father on the farm, and then on attaining his majority, was admitted to a partnership in its management. At the age of twenty-four he married and, being desirous to establish a home of his own, left the paternal roof. In his undertakings he has prospered and he now possesses one hundred and eighty acres of land on sections 25, 27, and 34, Rome township. A hard working man, he has followed the difficult work of the farm with persistence and can feel that his labors have not been expended in vain.

In 1882 Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Mary Saum, a daughter of J. D. and Anna (Flaughers) Saum. She was born in this county where her father is still living and where her mother died some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have become the parents of three children: Harry A., deceased; Frances; and Barbara, at home. On the 1st of September, 1901, Mrs. Fisher passed away when only thirty-seven years of age and was sorrowfully laid to rest.

Mr. Fisher is a republican in his political affiliation, takes an active interest in public affairs and has served the township as trustee. He is particularly concerned for the welfare of the schools for during eight winters he devoted himself to teaching and is fully conscious of their shortcomings and anxious to improve their standard. He enjoys pleasant fraternal relations with the Masons, has taken many of the degrees and has also been admitted to the order of the Mystic Shrine in which he has occupied several chairs. His life of industry, his public spirit and attractive social qualities have gained him the esteem and warm regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

W. R. ZIMMERMAN.

W. R. Zimmerman, a native stockman and farmer of Wayne township, was born two miles west of the old home place, January 25, 1867, and is a son of A. G. and Anna (Grumm) Zimmerman. The former was born in Aurich, Hanover, Germany, January 7, 1831, his parents being Gerd and Enke (Hanken) Zimmerman. Gerd Zimmerman died in the fatherland, but his wife passed the last years of her life in this country, whither she had been brought by her son, A. G., who had made a special trip to the land of his birth to get her. A. G. Zimmerman had come to the United States first in 1854 and settled in Illinois. Five years later he removed to Jones county, Iowa, locating upon a farm he had purchased in Wayne township, although he had learned the trade of a shoemaker in his native land and had followed that line of work in this country for a number of years. On locating here he devoted himself exclusively to agriculture, with what result may be judged from the fact that he owned at one time five hundred and twenty acres of arable land, besides fifteen acres of timber. When he gave up the heavier duties of life and retired to Amber he divided this among his children, thereby giving them a start in life. In Amber his long life was brought to a close November 28, 1904. His widow is still residing in that village. She also was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 26th of February, 1837, and at the age of nineteen came to the United States with her parents, R. E. and Margaret (Herren) Grumm. They were also natives of Hanover and passed away in Dixon, Illinois. In that state, in 1857, while Mr. Zimmerman was a resident there, he married Miss Anna Grumm, and ten children were born to them: Maggie, who is the wife of H. A. Toenjes and lives near Mr. Zimmerman; Agnes, who married Johan Burrak, of Castle Grove township; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Behrends, who lives six miles from Monticello, Iowa, on the Cascade road; Garrett, who died at the age of thirty-two, leaving three children; W. R., the subject of this sketch; John, who is a

clothier of Monticello, Iowa; Sophia, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Matilda, who is the wife of George Mardorf, of Jackson township; and Herman and George, of Wayne township.

W. R. Zimmerman has always resided in Wayne township. From his childhood days he worked upon the home farm, receiving the rudiments of an English education in the district school, which he attended during the few winter months it was in session. Until he married the responsibility of conducting the place rested wholly upon his father, but when he became twenty-two and had the man's natural desire to have a home of his own he assumed the full management of the land on which he now lives. It embraces one hundred and eighty acres, lying on sections 22 and 26, Wayne township, on which Mr. Zimmerman follows general farming and engages to some extent in the raising of stock and also in dairying, for he has a herd of twenty-four cows. He owns seven acres of timber on section 34, the same township, which is steadily increasing in value as are his arable fields. The latter are maintained under a high state of cultivation and the farm is well improved, the character of the buildings evincing the progressive methods of the owner.

In 1889 Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Miss Katie Doring, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Helgens) Doring. Her parents were also natives of Hanover, Germany, but Mrs. Zimmerman was born in Castle Grove township, this county, in 1870. Five children have been born to the couple: Anna, Minnie, Hattie, Rena and Freda. The family are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in accordance with whose teachings they try to order their lives, and take an active part in the religious and social work of the big congregation. Politically, while Mr. Zimmerman inclines more to the democratic party, he is in reality independent, viewing issues from all sides and casting his vote and influence for what he believes to be for the best interests of his fellow citizens. Of the company organized to promote the advancement of the dairy-men of his township, the Co-operative Creamery Company of Amber, he is a stockholder.

SAMUEL PIEPER.

One of the finest residences in the town of Olin is that occupied by Samuel Pieper, a successful farmer of Rome township. A native of Jones county, he has as a birthright that thrift and industry which are characteristic of the German race, and which are the first prerequisites in a man's make-up if he is to achieve success as a farmer. His father, Friedrich Pieper, was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America in 1839. He located first in Ohio and then went to Indiana, where he became acquainted with and married Miss Catherine Ecker. She was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but had removed with her parents to Indiana. In 1854, shortly after their union, Friedrich Pieper came to Jones county, Iowa, buying a farm in Rome township, which he sold and then bought the one which remained his home until his death, in 1870. His widow lived until March 2, 1890, and had the pleasure of seeing her children established in life and the condition of the country much improved.

Samuel Pieper was born in Rome township, August 24, 1856, and was one of a family of eight children. He remained at home through his youth and early manhood, receiving his education in the local schools and obtaining practical experience in meeting the problems of a farmer's life. At the age of twenty-four he started out for himself, buying a farm on sections 31 and 32, Rome township. There he made his home for twenty-one years, improving the land extensively and increasing its value many fold, and then removed to the farm he occupied in the same township until he retired to Olin in 1904. As the years brought him rich compensation for his toils, he has been able to add to his original tract until he now owns three hundred, twenty-two and a half acres, eighty of which lie in Cedar county, the remainder in Rome township. He has pursued general farming but has also made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, a feature of his business which contributed substantially to his success.

In 1881 Mr. Pieper was united in marriage to Miss Alice Miller, who was born in Rome township. Her parents, L. K. and Mary Ann (Green) Miller, were natives of Ohio, but in 1844 came to this state when the fame of its agricultural possibilities was just spreading through the country. They entered into the spirit of the new life and lived to see the changes that the years have wrought, for the mother was not called from this world until May 22, 1902, when she was sixty-nine years of age, and the father is still living at the advanced age of eighty. Mrs. Pieper was one of a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living.

Mr. Pieper supports the principles of the democratic party, but is not an office seeker and has not given any time to public matters for the cares of his farm have made too great a demand upon his time and energy. He has not shirked hard work, he has spared no effort to raise the standard of his farm and its produce, and his home in Olin, which is modern and comfortable, is a slight but patent witness to the earnestness of his endeavors.

D. H. PIEPER.

D. H. Pieper is one of the well-to-do farmers of Greenfield township whose prosperity is wholly due to his own exertions. He was born in Whitley county, Indiana, February 2, 1851, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Ecker) Pieper. The father was of German birth and was only sixteen years of age when he took passage for this country. He was wholly without funds, even to pay his way across the ocean, so upon landing to defray the cost of the journey he sold his labor to the highest bidder. He was bought by one of the legislators of Pennsylvania, who held him until he had given the value of the money paid. The man was a kind master, however, and Frederick Pieper remained with him four years longer than was required. In 1854, with his family, he came to Iowa, reaching Rome township, Jones county, June 7 of that year. He procured a homestead there and had just become well settled and was beginning to get a good start in the new country, when in 1860 the great Comanche cyclone crossed

that part of the county afflicting Mr. Pieper most severely. The home, only a log house to be sure, was razed and the father and two daughters, Susan, a girl of twelve years, and Annie, only nine months old, were found about half a mile away. The two girls were dead and had been stripped of their clothes by the wind. Mr. Pieper was severely injured, but had chances of life, while his wife, who was not carried far from the home, had several of her ribs broken. The mother and the two uninjured sons were cared for by neighbors, the father and the daughters were taken to Fayette Smith's home, a log cabin about half a mile north of the scene of the disaster. This house was built in 1852 and is still standing upon a part of D. H. Pieper's farm, as is the granary in which the bodies of his sisters were temporarily laid. Others who suffered in that storm were the Allen family and a man named John Niles, who were living about a mile west of Mr. Pieper's home. They were all killed and are buried, in unmarked graves, in the cemetery at Mechanicsville. All his property was destroyed and himself compelled to lie in a helpless condition for many weeks, Frederick Pieper was all but discouraged by what had happened to him. The kind and cheering words of his friends, however, gave him new heart and with the restoration of his health he again took up the battle of life. With what success he waged it can only be judged by the fact that when his days were over he was comfortably situated as regards personal possessions. Eight children were born to him and his wife: Susan, who was killed in the cyclone; D. H., of this sketch; Caroline, deceased; Samuel, residing in Olin; Catherine, who lives in Cedar Rapids; William, of Olin, Iowa; Annie, who was killed in the cyclone; and Fred, who is at present on the old homestead in Rome township.

D. H. Pieper was but three years of age when his parents came to this county and can well remember the destruction of the great Comanche cyclone that wrecked his old home. Should his memory fail he has constant reminders in the fact that eighty acres of the old place, the scene of the disaster, are now in his possession, and the little log cabin and the old granary are ever able to revive the tale of death and suffering. Upon his father's death the responsibility of the home farm and the guidance of affairs devolved upon him. He met the demands made upon him, the fields were improved, and the rest of the family started well along the road of success. Mr. Pieper has prospered with the passage of the years. His landholdings now amount to two hundred and eighty acres, substantial buildings have been erected and progressive means have been employed to prolong the fertility of the soil, until his farm has come to be considered one of the choicest in Greenfield township.

On the 26th of December, 1875, Mr. Pieper wedded Miss Anna Hemp, who was born May 23, 1851, a daughter of George and Drusella (Miller) Hemp, and one of a family of nine children. The others were Lafayette, of Greenfield township; Mrs. Sophia Stabb, also of that township; Thomas, deceased; Marion, who lives in Greenfield township; Jacob, deceased; Mrs. Callie Stearns, of Springville, Iowa; Benjamin, of Lisbon, Iowa; and George, who is living on the old homestead in Greenfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Pieper have had two children: Chauncey D., born April 4, 1882; and Haidee C., born August 10, 1891. Both live at home. In addition to rearing his own children, Mr. Pieper has taken for a specified time a boy, Herman Pieper, to whom he is giving

a home and all its advantages just as if he had adopted him. He takes as much interest in him as in his own son, and accords him all the privileges and the opportunities for education the latter enjoyed.

In his political views Mr. Pieper is in sympathy with the democratic party, and while not a seeker for official distinction has served as township trustee for two terms, or six years, and as a member of the school board. He and his son Chauncey are Masons belonging to Patmos Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., of Mechanicsville; and Mechanics Chapter, No. 134, R. A. M.; and he is also a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America of Mechanicsville, of Tipton, Iowa. Mr. Pieper belongs to that large class of men who in looking over the prosperity that the years have brought to them can say that it is due entirely to their own efforts. His life again demonstrates the truth of the statement that industry will accomplish many things hard and seemingly impossible.

WILLIAM McINTYRE.

William McIntyre, deceased, who for years was one of the active farmers of this county, was born in Scotland, in 1825. As a young man he came to the United States, settling first in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he resided until the rumor of the discovery of gold in California reached that state, and inspired him with the desire to seek a fortune in the western mountains. In 1849 he traveled by stage overland across the country, and after reaching California remained there until 1864, when he turned his face toward the east and retraced his way as far as Iowa. Two years later he married and then located on a farm in this county, on which he lived until 1884. Then he removed to Mount Vernon, Iowa, that his daughter might enjoy greater educational advantages, and there his death occurred March 4, 1889. His remains were brought to Jones county and interred in Scotch Grove cemetery. For more than three score years he had followed the tortuous road of life, devoting his life to earnest endeavor and finding his greatest satisfaction in the knowledge that his work was well performed, and that he was able to give those whom he held dear many of the comforts and advantages of life. He had experienced many hardships and privations during his years of young manhood, but subjected to severe tests as he had been, he was not found wanting, but surmounted the obstacles he met in his path and by his courage and success inspirited others.

On October 4, 1866, Mr. McIntyre wedded Miss Sarah Ann Overley. She was born in Kentucky, August 1, 1841, and was a daughter of John C. and Lucinda (Arnold) Overley, both natives of the same state. In 1852 they came to Iowa, entering land in Jones county, where they made their home until 1891, when Mr. Overley retired from active life and moved his family to Onslow. That same year Mrs. Overley passed away, but he survived until April 30, 1905, when he too was released from the trial of this life. Seven children were born to them: Henry, who was killed in the Civil war while fighting for the preservation of the Union; Margaret J., deceased; Sarah A., who married Mr. McIntyre



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of this review; Nancy E., William L. and John A., deceased; and Charles C., who is living in Wyoming, Iowa.

One daughter, Catherine L., was born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, whose birth occurred July 9, 1868. In 1891 she was graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and shortly afterward married H. L. Nash. In the course of a few years her health failed rapidly and she was taken to California, where she died in 1896, leaving a mother, husband and a son, Harold, to mourn her loss.

Mr. McIntyre had for years before his death been a member of the Masonic lodge and was accounted one of the most active in promoting its interests and those of his fraternal brothers, among whom he had made many stanch friends. Mrs. McIntyre is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah. In 1891 she removed to Onslow, where she has since made her home, occupying one of the fine residences of the village. She at one time owned a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, but this she disposed of.

W. G. WHERRY.

W. G. Wherry, one of the native farmers of Wyoming township who have won a substantial success through their calling, was born April 3, 1865, and is a son of J. W. and Mary (Moore) Wherry. The parents, who were born, reared and married in Ohio, came to Iowa in the early '50s, settling in Oxford township and later removing to Jackson county. About 1863 they settled on a farm two miles north of Wyoming, and after living in Wyoming two years they removed to the farm they had purchased in Wyoming township—that on which their son is living today. Here they made their home until June 11, 1908, when J. W. Wherry responded to the call of death. His widow, however, is still living in Wyoming. Four children were born to them: T. H., who is now in Nebraska; Minnie J., who is the wife of C. M. Jamieson, of Monmouth, Illinois; Lydia, who lives with her mother; and W. G., the subject of this sketch.

W. G. Wherry received his early training for life in the schools of Wyoming township and then completed his education in a business college at Burlington. Until he attained his majority he remained at home, working for his father, and then began life for himself. For the first four years thereafter he rented the farm on which he had been reared, going at the end of that period to Wyoming, where he engaged in the livery business. Twelve years later he sold his interests there and returned to agricultural pursuits, to which he has since given his attention. He bought first two hundred acres on section 30, Wyoming township, on which he made his home for eight years, when he sold it to buy one hundred and sixty-five acres on section 9, and one hundred and sixty acres in Hyde county, South Dakota. He is now living on the home farm, of which he was made administrator after the death of his father. Here he pursues a diversified line of agriculture, but has given, perhaps more attention to the raising, feeding and shipping of stock, finding it both profitable and to his liking. He is now at the age at which a man has

come into the fullest enjoyment of his powers, so that with the good fortune of preceding years behind him he may look forward to an even greater success.

On the 16th of March, 1886, Mr. Wherry wedded Miss Alice M. Pattison, who was born at Winterset, Iowa, in 1861, and is a daughter of Rev. Alex and Mary (Barnes) Pattison. The former was a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa at an early date, remaining here until their deaths, the father dying at the age of eighty-nine years, the mother when she was seventy-eight years old. Their union was blessed with four children, only two of whom are now living: W. A. and Mrs. Wherry. The latter is mother of three children: Raymond M., who was born December 20, 1888, and was attending school at the time of his death, January 5, 1907; Harold P., who was born April 8, 1890, and died August 5, 1907, having completed the high school course in June before his death; and Edna Marie, born December 6, 1893, who has graduated from the Wyoming school and is now a student in Monmouth (Illinois) College.

Mr. and Mrs. Wherry are members of the United Presbyterian church, in which he is a trustee, while in political matters he gives his support to the republican party. Both he and his wife take a deep interest in local affairs, for he has served as township trustee for two terms and Mrs. Wherry is a member of the school board at Wyoming. Fraternally he is connected with Wyoming Lodge, No. 138, M. W. A., in which he has been active, while his wife has been prominent in the Hawthorne Club, of which she was president for two years. Successful, enterprising and public spirited the couple are highly respected by their associates.

SIMEON BALLOU.

In the days of his activity Simeon Ballou was one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Jones county. He has now retired from a large farm to a smaller one, feeling that the success of his past years entitled him to a partial rest. A native of this county, he was born April 18, 1864, and is a son of Andrew and Philissa Ballou. The former was born in New York state, the latter in Ohio, but in 1850, they came here and took up government land. For more than half a century, the homestead remained the residence of Andrew Ballou. He had not only witnessed the many changes that had transpired here, but had taken part in work of development and upbuilding, for he was a man of great public spirit. When the republican party was organized he became one of its stanch adherents, was vigorously active in the anti-slavery agitation before the war and when the nation again settled into calm, he filled many of the local offices of his township and county. He was seventy-four when he was called from the cares of this world, January 22, 1905, but his widow is still living in Olin at the advanced age of seventy-seven. Seven children were born to them, only one of whom has passed away.

Simeon Ballou was reared at home and supplemented the meager education to be obtained from the district schools by practical experience on the farm

which laid the foundation for his future success in his chosen vocation. Until he became of age he remained at home, assisting in the work that was carried on the old farm, and then moved to another part of the township where for one year he tilled the soil as a renter. He then located on the land which he now owns in Rome township. It lies on section 36, is two hundred acres in extent and has been his home for more than twenty years. In 1906 Mr. Ballou was able to purchase one hundred and fifty additional acres, situated in sections 13 and 24 of the same township. He has pursued general farming and has also engaged largely in the breeding and raising of shorthorn cattle, finding a ready market and good price for his stock in the cities of the east. The good fortune that attended all his operations has enabled him to relinquish the heavier cares of this life, and to retire to a life of comfort and ease. He still retains his landholdings, however, though the greater part of them are rented.

On the 19th of September, 1886, Mr. Ballou was married to Miss Melissa Carter, who was born in Jones county in 1864. Her father, James Carter, was born in England in 1832, and is still living in Jackson township. His wife, who was Miss Rhoda Benadon in her maidenhood, was a native of Ohio, and through her marriage became the mother of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Ballou no children have been born. Bred to belief in the stability of the principles of the republican party, Mr. Ballou has continued to give his political allegiance to its platform, not blindly, however, but because he believed it to present the best ideas for the government of a nation. He belongs to Olin Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

E. L. BARBER.

E. L. Barber, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Wyoming township, was born in Marshall county, Iowa, November 17, 1876, and is a son of William and Loretta (Tripp) Barber. The parents were natives of New York state, where they were married, but came west to make a home for themselves and their children. For a time they lived in Lee county, Illinois, and then, upon coming to Iowa, located in Marshall county, where they passed the rest of their lives. Of the seven children born to them five are now living: Frank E., who resides in Marshall county; Mattie, who is the wife of M. H. Ulery of Boone county, Iowa; Carrie, who married William Gould and lives in Marshall county; Bert, a resident of Humboldt county, Iowa; and E. L., the subject of this sketch.

E. L. Barber did not long remain under the parental roof for at the age of fourteen he went to a sister, with whom he lived until he became nineteen. He had obtained a fair education in the public school in his locality, although the years of his attendance at it were limited and the training of a kind inferior to that which farmer's boys receive today. However, he was not unprepared for his life work when, upon leaving his sister's home he engaged in business for himself. For a number of years he rented a tract of land and then bought a farm, which he traded subsequently for a livery business and sale barn in

Kinross, Iowa. The acquaintance he had gained with land values and the peculiar aptitude he felt he possessed for the real estate business suggested to him the feasibility of continuing his connection with operations in that field.

On the 6th of January, 1898, Mr. Barber was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Taylor. She was born in this county and is a daughter of George L. and Myra (Hall) Taylor, the former deceased but the latter a member of Mr. Barber's household. Two children have been born to the couple: one who died in infancy and Bernice A. Mr. and Mrs. Barber are members of the Presbyterian church of Wyoming, with whose work they are closely identified and in accordance with whose teachings they have endeavored to conduct their lives. When he is called upon to exercise his right of franchise Mr. Barber invariably casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party as he places deep confidence in the principles enunciated in its platform. He is not a man, however, who seeks for office from his fellow citizens, although he has always displayed a commendable interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being a member of Keystone Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., and with the Modern Woodmen of America. In both of these organizations he has made stanch friends among the men who, through constant intercourse with him, have come to respect the strong traits of his character.

DANIEL McCANN.

Daniel McCann is one of the prosperous and representative farmers of Greenfield township, who having endured the hardships and struggles of early days, has contributed largely to the development of his township and county. His parents, Michael and Joanna (Colbert) McCann, were of Irish nativity, the former having been born in County Longford, the latter in County Waterford. They came to this country at the time of the rebellion in the land of their birth and made their way west to Iowa, settling first in Linn county, and later removing to Greenfield township, Jones county. Here they joined their efforts with those of the other early settlers to make this county one of the richest farming districts in the state. The father lived to be sixty years of age, and the mother celebrated her eighty-second birthday March 17, 1909. They were the parents of five children: Edward and Daniel, twins, who were born June 2, 1859, and live in Greenfield township within three miles of each other; John, who died at the age of nine years; Margaret, the only daughter, who died at the age of fifteen; Michael, who lives on the old homestead about two miles from Daniel in Greenfield township.

Daniel McCann was born in Linn county, Iowa, June 2, 1859. His parents shortly after moved to this county, and in Greenfield township he grew to manhood, receiving such education as he could obtain in the public schools. He worked at home during his youth and has always followed farming. In 1891 he purchased his present place, which consists of two hundred and ten acres and which has been brought under a fine state of cultivation through the up-to-date methods Mr. McCann employs. He has made many substantial improvements

upon the farm, putting up buildings and remodeling those that were already there. The home may be singled out for especial mention. It is a handsome structure, modern in its construction, and having not only all the necessities, but many of the comforts of life.

On the 1st of June, 1886, Mr. McCann was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Bauer, a daughter of Joseph and Carrie (Serusie) Bauer and a sister of Bernard Bauer, who lives in Chicago. The couple have three children: Michael, born August 30, 1887; Goldie, born March 21, 1891; and Arthur, born August 23, 1900. All the children are at home and are being reared in the most perfect surroundings of love and harmony. They and their parents are members of the Catholic church at Lisbon, and are punctilious in the performance of their religious duties.

A democrat in his political views, Mr. McCann is interested in public matters, though he has not sought for office. For fifteen years, however, he has served the people as a member of the school board and has been found faithful in the discharge of his responsibilities and eager to advance the cause of education. Ambitious, willing to work, and endowed with high principles, he stands forth as typical of those whose endeavors have met with deserved success, whose advancement has kept pace with the progress of the times.

JOHN C. BAILEY.

John C. Bailey, who is the postmaster at Amber, where he is engaged in general mercantile business, was born in Wayne township, Jones county, May 23, 1878, and is a son of John and Mary (Bohlken) Bailey. The former was a native of New York state, but Mrs. Bailey was born in Germany. She came to this country in her girlhood, however, and died in Wayne township in 1891, when she was only thirty-eight years of age. Mr. Bailey is still living and makes his home in Amber. He is the father of five children: John C., the subject of this sketch; Luella, the wife of John Goodman, of Anamosa; Emma, who lives in Seattle, Washington; William, of Jackson township; and Theresa, who was adopted by Henry Bohlken and now lives in Monticello, Iowa.

John C. Bailey has resided in the vicinity of Amber all his life. He received a good education in the fundamental branches of English training in the local public schools and even as a young boy was well known as an active worker in his village. In 1903 he embarked in general merchandising here and on the 17th of December of the same year was appointed the postmaster. In the six years that he has distributed the mails to the citizens of his part of Wayne township they have come to know him as a painstaking official, attentive in the administration of his duties and to the wants of those who depend upon him. The same desire to satisfy his customers distinguishes him in his business dealings and he has the confidence of his fellow townsmen.

It was in the year 1899 that Mr. Bailey wedded Miss Alta E. Davis, who was born in Madison township, Jones county, March 20, 1881. Her parents, William H. and Catherine (Cowell) Davis, have long been residents of this

county and now make their home in Center Junction. Three children have been born of this union: Harold, Howard and Wiima, who are just of an age to be especially interesting to their parents. Between his official duties and his responsibilities as the proprietor of an up-to-date general store, Mr. Bailey finds his time fully occupied, but he has learned the first lessons toward substantial success in the business world and as the years pass by he will very probably attain to an enviable position.

R. D. COOLEY.

R. D. Cooley, one of the successful agriculturists of Wyoming township, was born on the farm on which he now lives, November 20, 1874, and is the son of D. S. and Catherine (Hogel) Cooley. They were natives of Licking county, Ohio, but came with their parents to Iowa in 1841, when the most primitive conditions prevailed in the places they selected, or might select, for homes. The families located first in Cedar county and later removed to Jackson county, where they built a log cabin, which served to shelter them for many years. Indeed, it remained D. S. Cooley's home for many years after his marriage, until, in fact, some time in the '60s, when he came to Jones county and purchased the farm on which his son lives today. On this he built for his habitation the brick house which is still standing and in good condition, a tribute to the excellent workmanship of that time. He and his wife are still living in Onslow, enjoying the results of their labor, which did considerable toward effecting the progress Jones county has experienced in the last forty odd years. Seven children were born to them: Smith, who is now living in Lyon county, Kansas; Geneva, who is the widow of S. A. Paul and lives in Onslow; O. C., who is in Oakland, California; Josie, deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of J. F. Cohoon, of Cedar Falls; Loa B., who is the wife of O. E. Tabor, of Maquoketa, Iowa; and R. D., who is the subject of this sketch.

In the house in which he was born R. D. Cooley passed the years of his boyhood and youth, obtaining his early education in the common schools of the township, and then attending a business college at Cedar Rapids, where he completed his training. He next engaged in teaching, but after two terms he returned to the farm, remaining here in the employ of his father until he was twenty-four. At that age he was married and given the responsibility of operating the place. To it he has since given his attention and through unremitting toil in the cultivation of the fields has obtained rich harvests. He has made a specialty, however, of raising and feeding cattle for the market. His farm embraces two hundred and forty acres, lying on section 9, Wyoming township, is well improved, both as the result of his father's efforts and of his own, and is cultivated by methods which seem to increase the bounty of the crops.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Cooley wedded Miss Dessa D. Scott, who was born in Olin, Iowa, in 1876, and is a daughter of Winfield and Ella (Tufts) Scott. The parents are descendants of the Fairbanks family and are now living in Olin. Three children were born of their union. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooley

were born two children: one who died in infancy; and Hubert L., who was born October 8, 1908.

They are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work both are active, while Mr. Cooley affiliates politically with the democratic party. He takes but slight interest in public affairs, however, and has never been desirous of holding any office within the gift of the people. Fraternally he is connected with Keystone Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., at Wyoming and with his wife belongs to the Eastern Star. In this organization Mrs. Cooley was for a time associate matron, the same qualities which made her a popular teacher before her marriage winning her friends among those with whom she has come in contact.

E. R. EASTERLY.

E. R. Easterly, a well known agriculturist of Jones county, was born on the farm in Rome township on which he now resides. He first opened his eyes to the light of day March 5, 1871, and is the son of T. W. and Martha Jane (Rummel) Easterly. The father, who was a native of Richland county, Ohio, was seventeen years of age when in 1852 his parents came to Iowa and entered two hundred and forty acres of land in Rome township. He assisted in building a house of hewn logs, and there lived until 1884, when his life's labor was over. His wife still survives, making her home in Olin, Iowa. Six children were born to the couple, all of them living. They are Mary E., the wife of B. F. Steward, of Dana, Greene county, Iowa; Alberta E., who married H. E. Davidson and lives in Olin; D. C., a resident of this township; E. R., the subject of this review; B. R., who lives at home; and Della I., the wife of W. E. Sealls, who lives in Missouri.

E. R. Easterly attended the common schools from which he received his training in the elementary branches of English education. He worked on the farm at the same time that he prosecuted his lessons, and upon the completion of his school period returned to his home, assisting his father until he became of age. For eight years thereafter he rented the farm on which he now lives, and then bought eighty acres of the old homestead which his grandfather had received from the government. He has made the raising and feeding of hogs his specialty and has met with success in his undertakings. He has also been treasurer of the Union Switch Board Telephone Company, of Olin, since January 1, 1908. Full of exacting cares as his life has been, he has yet found time to devote to the interests of his fellow citizens and for eleven years has borne the responsibilities of the position of school treasurer.

In 1892 Mr. Easterly was united in wedlock to Miss Ida A. Coppess, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa. Her father, Harvey Coppess, was a native of Ohio, while her mother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Caroline Booth, was a native of Indiana. In 1870 the couple came to Jones county, Iowa, and then a few years later removed to Cedar county, where Mr. Coppess is still living. Mrs. Coppess passed away in 1881, leaving a husband and six children to mourn

her loss. To Mr. and Mrs. Easterly there was born a daughter, Eva L., August 23, 1892. She is still at home and is one of the pupils of the Olin high school. Mr. Easterly, his wife and daughter are members of the Reformed church, in which he is one of the elders. They take an active part in all religious work and are generous in their support of the interests of the congregation. Politically Mr. Easterly finds his views most in accord with the platform of the republican party and has always cast his vote for its candidate at elections. He is a member of lodge No. 200, A. F. & A. M., at Olin and also of lodge No. 526, M. W. A., of that town, and he and his wife are members of Hiawatha Chapter, No. 394, O. E. S. His fraternal brothers have found him a loyal friend, as have the citizens of this township—a man in whom confidence may well be reposed.

ROBERT H. RUSSELL.

Robert H. Russell, one of the well-to-do farmers of Greenfield township, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1864. His parents, J. H. and Sophia (Werner) Russell, were married November 28, 1848, and for almost two decades afterward lived in the east before coming to Iowa to try their fortunes in this comparatively new state. In 1867 they made the journey across the country, settled first at Lisbon, and six months later, removed to Greenfield township and lived on a farm on section 22 for five years. At the end of that time they located on the farm on which they spent the remainder of their lives and which is the home of their son today. Both have passed away, the father in June, 1902, at the age of seventy-eight years; the mother, October 4, 1907. They became the parents of ten children: William, who died when very young; Joseph, who died at the age of thirty years; Mrs. Emma Kendall, of Mechanicsville; Amanda, who died at the age of twenty-four; Frances E., who died in early childhood; George, who resides in Independence, Iowa; Richard S., who lives in Greenfield township, about half a mile from his brother Robert H.; Robert H., of this review; Alice, who passed away at the age of sixteen; and Edward, who is a resident of Rome township.

Robert H. Russell was but three years old when his parents came to Iowa, and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Greenfield township, which has been the scene of his endeavors up to the present. It embraces three hundred and three acres of excellent land, on which Mr. Russell has made a number of important improvements since it has come into his hands. The buildings are of modern construction, and the fields are tilled in accordance with the most approved scientific methods. Through a careful study of the soil and of the subject of the rotation of the crops, he has been able to prolong and increase the measure of its fertility.

On the 28th of September, 1890, Mr. Russell wedded Miss Minnie F. Miller, a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Grauel) Miller. Her father was married twice, and by his first wife, who was Miss Rebecca Grauel, he had ten children, six daughters and four sons. Mrs. Mary K. Sawyer, of Greenfield township; W. H., also of Greenfield; a son who died in infancy; Mrs. Susannah Manly,

who lives in Sac county, Iowa; Mrs. Ella Justice, a resident of Shelby county; Mrs. Addie Kohl, of Greenfield township; Mrs. Minnie F. Russell, the wife of our subject; a son who died in infancy; Jennie May, who died at the age of five years; and a son who did not survive infancy. Mrs. Miller died in 1873, at the age of forty years, and when Mr. Miller married the second time, his wife was Miss Sarah McConaughy, a daughter of John and Jane (Duncan) McConaughy, both natives of the Buckeye state. Of this second union there were six children born: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Charles Clinton, of Greenfield township; Mrs. Alice Ann Melton, of Cedar county; Clancy, of Marion, Iowa; I. Clifford, of Morley, Iowa; and Dony Forrest, who died at the age of fourteen. The mother of these children passed away September 16, 1887, at the age of forty-two, but Mr. Miller survived almost ten years, his death having occurred February 27, 1897, when he was in the seventy-third year of his age.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell's union has been blessed with three children: the daughter died in infancy; Harlan R. was born November 5, 1897; and Willard H., was born October 8, 1901. Reared in the faith of the United Brethren church, they have ordered their lives in accordance with its teachings and are educating their children to be good Christian men. In his political views Mr. Russell is a democrat, and while not an office seeker has served as a member of the school board in which he holds the position of secretary. He has shown further interest in the welfare of the community by assisting as one of the board of directors in guiding the fortunes of the Citizens Savings Bank of Olin in a safe financial channel. He is a member of Patmos Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., of Mechanicsville, and with Mrs. Russell belongs to No. 98, Modern Brotherhood of America, at Morley.

JOHN BYERLY.

John Byerly, who for more than forty years has been a member of the agricultural community of Wyoming township, was born in Pennsylvania, August 25, 1825, and is the son of Michael and Mary (Lookabaugh) Byerly. The family is one of remotely German ancestry, for about five generations back one of the name left the fatherland when the fever of colonizing the new world was just invading the countries of northern Europe and settled in the vicinity of Philadelphia about 1635. His descendants have, therefore, in turn been connected with the history of this country from its earliest years, participating in all its struggles, from the conflicts with the Indians to the last great war which so nearly destroyed the nation that had been built from the colonies. Michael Byerly and his wife remained in their Pennsylvania home throughout their lives and there reared their family of ten children, only four of whom now survive: John, of this review; Hannah, who lives in Pennsylvania; Rachel, who is the wife of William Bolton and lives in her native state; and A. J. Byerly, of Anamosa, Iowa.

John Byerly received such an education as the public schools of his period afforded and remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-five years

of age, when he married and started in life for himself. He bought first a farm in Pennsylvania, on which he lived and worked for about fifteen years, when, won by the stories of the opportunities in this state, he disposed of his property, crossed the mountains and made his way to Jones county. Here, in 1865, he purchased the farm on which he now lives. It is one hundred and eighty-five acres in extent, devoted to general farming which Mr. Byerly has pursued upon it for more than two score of years. In this period he has had opportunity to witness the many improvements which have simplified and lightened the work of the farmer, a progress marked enough since he has taken up his residence here but even greater if he looks back over the whole span of his life.

At the age of twenty-five years, just at the dawn of the second half of the last century, Mr. Byerly wedded Miss Catherine Klingensmith, who accompanied him along the highway of life for more than thirty years, when she died in 1884 and was buried in South Mineral cemetery, Wyoming township. Seven children were born to them: Mary E. and Florence, both deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of William White, of Olin, Iowa; Ida B., who lives in Wall Lake, Iowa; Emma J., who is the wife of Thomas Hood, of this county; Franklin P., who resides in Anamosa; and John H., who lives on his father's farm. On the 10th of June, 1886, Mr. Byerly married again, his second wife being Mrs. Jennie Boyle, nee Edwards, the widow of R. D. Boyle, a native of Jackson county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, but politically Mr. Byerly owes allegiance to no party. All his life he has been accustomed to regard questions of local or national concern from many sides, and being a man who has taken an interest in such matters and has kept himself well informed, he feels that he would rather exercise his right of franchise in accordance with what he believes to be right and the better policy than to accept the guidance of an organized party. This independence of judgment and his acquaintance, not merely superficial, with important issues, makes his opinion of value in the community where he lives. He has served in various township offices, both in Pennsylvania and as school director in Wyoming township, and has been a peacemaker and arbitrator in the disputes of his neighbors to such an extent that his services have been of great value in that regard and have met with the full appreciation which they so well merited.

GEORGE OLTMANNS.

George Oltmanns is distinctly a product of Jones county, for he was born and bred here, the date of his birth being August 4, 1871. He comes, however, of that sturdy German stock which has done its full share in contributing to the strength and prosperity of our noble country. His parents, Harm G. and Deborah (Reimerts) Oltmanns, were natives of Germany, where they were married and about 1867 came to the United States. They had the distinction of making the voyage in one of the first steamers to cross the Atlantic ocean. They located near Dixon, Illinois, but after two years decided upon a change of scene, choosing Iowa as their destination. The journey thither was made by wagon, and after



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looking about them, they settled in Monticello, where for a year or two the head of the family worked for a Mr. George. The next step was a removal to Scotch Grove township, where for some time the father farmed as a renter. About 1880 he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 8, that township, whose possession he enjoyed for the ensuing decade, his death occurring October 18, 1900, in the seventieth year of his age.

George Oltmanns spent his early years under the parental roof and availed himself of the advantages of the common schools. In 1893 when a little past his majority, he commenced work as a farm hand, but it was only a matter of two years, however, before he began farming for himself, beginning modestly as a renter, in which capacity he continued for the next eight years. In 1903 he purchased a desirable two hundred acres of land on section 8, Scotch Grove township, in the cultivation of which he has since been engaged.

In 1895 Mr. Oltmanns was united in marriage to Miss Cena Rickels, of Scotch Grove township, and six children were born to this union, four of whom survive. They are in order of birth: Alta, Minnie, William and Ferdinand.

For the past several years Mr. Oltmanns has added to his interests the breeding of standard bred road horses and thoroughbred draft horses, and he is able to congratulate himself upon his achievements. In truth he has gained a reputation in this line which is not confined to the immediate locality. He is independent in politics, and is at present serving as justice of the peace. In addition to his various other interests he is a stockholder and director of the Scotch Grove Creamery. He is a man of influence and is recognized by all who know him as one of the substantial citizens of Scotch Grove township. Both he and Mrs. Oltmanns are members of the German Lutheran church.

PHILIP B. DALY.

Philip B. Daly, a well known agriculturist of Wayne township, who has played a rather conspicuous part in local affairs, was born on the farm where he now lives, July 17, 1869, and is a son of Philip and Catherine (Foley) Daly. The former was born in the year 1836, in County Meath, Ireland, his parents being Thomas and Jane (Meloy) Daly. His father died in that country and his mother, after the death of her husband, came to America and spent the remaining years of her life with her son Philip, at whose home she died. She was the mother of five children: Patrick, who died in Wisconsin during the Civil war; John, who had served four years during the war and died in Bloomington, Illinois; Mrs. Bridget Devero, who died in Colorado; Philip, the father of our subject; and Jane, who died unmarried in Illinois.

In 1852 single and alone, Philip Daly came to the United States and for three years lived in the state of New York, first in Oneida county, and then in Auburn, where he pursued his trade as a shoemaker. Then he came west, stopping for a time in Bloomington, Illinois, and reaching Dubuque, Iowa, in 1855. There, three years later he married and then came to Jones county, where he bought eighty acres of the farm he still owns in Wayne township. During the progress

of the Civil war, however, he worked at his trade in Anamosa until 1865, when he located on his farm, where he lived and toiled for almost forty years. During that period it had grown from the original eighty acres to three times that size, all located on section 33, Wayne township. In 1903 he relinquished the heavier of life's duties and removed to Anamosa, where he has since lived.

The father of our subject was twice married. He wedded first, in Dubuque, in 1858, Miss Elizabeth Cheshire, by whom he had five children: Joseph and Mary A., twins, the former a resident of Dubuque, the latter a Sister of Charity at Des Moines, Iowa; Matthew, who lives with his brother on the farm in Wayne township; John, unmarried who died in Denver at the age of thirty-nine; and Mrs. Elizabeth Donohue, who died in Spokane, Washington, in 1908, leaving two children. Mrs. Daly, who was a native of the same county in Ireland as was her husband, died in 1867. Two years later Mr. Daly wedded again, his second wife being Miss Catherine Foley, who was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, May 5, 1845. Her parents came to America when she was but two years old and she was reared by her grandparents. In 1860 she came to this country and went to live in Ohio with her uncle, Edward Foley. In 1867, her grandparents having passed away she came to Jones county, Iowa, which has since been her home. Her father, John Foley, enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, being one of the valiant members of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Of Mr. Daly's second marriage two children have been born; Philip B., the subject of this sketch, and William E., a farmer in Wayne township. He and his family are members of the Catholic church, while politically he is a democrat. He came to this country when the conditions in his native land were especially hard and with the determination that he was not only going to better himself but help others he set to work. He accomplished his purpose and now feels that he may enjoy a well earned rest after his many years of arduous toil.

Philip B. Daly of this review received his first training for life in the district schools of his native township and then spent one year at the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, Illinois. His own education completed, he began to teach in the country schools of Jones county and two years later commenced farming on the two hundred and forty acres of land his father owned in Wayne township. Here he has worked for the last eighteen years, giving his attention to general agriculture and to the raising and feeding of stock. His undertakings have prospered to a high degree, for by education and training he was well prepared for his chosen calling and with diligence and industry has met and conquered the problems presented him. He is also progressive in his ideas and spares no means to obtain the best returns for his labor.

On the 26th of November, 1903, Mr. Daly was married to Miss Lena Bradley, who was born in Jackson township, Jones county, August 6, 1882, and is a daughter of John R. and Catherine (Woodworth) Bradley. James Bradley, the former's father, came to America in 1849, settling first in St. Louis and then coming to Jones county. Later he moved to Lamona, where his death occurred when he had reached the age of one hundred and one years and two months. John R. Bradley was a native of Lincolnshire, England, while his wife was born in Indiana. They were married in Jones county, Iowa where they lived until

six years ago, when in December, 1903, they moved to Decatur county, where they are now residing. They have had seven children, two of whom died in early childhood and five are now surviving: Emma R., who is the wife of D. P. Steckel, of Decatur county; James I., of Des Moines, Iowa; J. Nelson, of Decatur county; Lena, who is Mrs. Daly; and Olive, who is the wife of Frank C. Tallman, of Williamsburg, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Daly have one child, Vivian.

The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Anamosa and conscientious in the performance of their religious duties. Mr. Daly is a democrat in his political views and has been active in party organizations and is well known in local affairs, for he has been township clerk for the past fourteen years and was his party's candidate for county auditor and for state representative. He made a good run for both offices but was defeated owing to the strong republican majority in the county. He is still in the prime of life and it may confidently be expected, after regarding the success of his previous years, that the future will see him occupy a more prominent place in the minds of the citizens of Wayne township.

WILFORD S. WEEKS.

Wilford S. Weeks, one of the older generation of farmers of Rome township, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, December 14, 1849. His parents, Orris and Margaret (Archer) Weeks were both of Ohio nativity, but came to Iowa in the early days. The father came here first in the spring of 1840, and after spending a summer with a cousin in Cedar county, walked to his old home in Delaware county, Ohio. For about five months he sojourned in that state, and then came back to Iowa, entering government land in Cedar county. There he lived for about forty-nine years, then removed to Montrose, South Dakota, leaving there after nine years to live in Colorado, where his death occurred. His wife had preceded him to the grave by many years, her death having taken place in Cedar county, in 1858, not so very many years after she had moved to the state. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; Leonora, deceased; Wilford, of this review; Francisca, the wife of C. P. McKay, of Lamar, Missouri; and Margaret, who has passed away.

Wilford S. Weeks was reared at home and after completing the course of study taught in the common schools, prepared for college, and having finished his education in the higher institution of learning returned to the home farm to assist his father in its management. At the age of twenty-one he began farming on his own account, renting land in Cedar county for three years. He then came to Jones county, where for three years he tilled rented fields and afterward bought one hundred and forty acres on sections 27 and 34, Rome township. For ten years this farm remained the scene of his agricultural endeavors. Twelve years ago he sold that land and bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in the same township, where he has since lived, following general agricultural pursuits which have brought him generous returns for the labor he has put upon his fields.

On the 18th of January, 1880, Mr. Weeks was united in marriage to Miss Elva C. Saum, who was born in Jones county and is one of the four children of J. D. and Anna Saum. The parents were natives of Ohio but came to Jones county in the early '30s. Here the mother died some years ago, but the father is still living at the age of seventy-four, his home being now in Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have become the parents of four children: Caddie, the eldest, was born in 1882, and is the wife of L. F. Pieper, of Rome township; Nora D. married John Schnepf and lives in Olin; Florence C. and Harry S., the two youngest, are still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are affiliated with all its interests, while politically Mr. Weeks finds himself in accord with the platform enunciated by the republican party. He is not very active in public matters and yet has not shunned such offices as the people would bestow upon him. For a period of four years he discharged the duties of township assessor and is at present one of the trustees. A man of good education and wide outlook he has not only been successful in the work to which he chose to devote himself but has won the approval of the men who have come into close contact with him.

JOSEPH SCOTT.

Among the many men who have witnessed the rapid and steady development of Jones county from its early days is Joseph Scott. He was born in Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Indiana, March 12, 1831, and was but six years old when his parents, Pryor and Ruth (Caraway) Scott, came to Iowa. They reached Cedar county, May 10, 1837, exchanging a home in a country that was just emerging from its primitive state for one in which man had at that time done little toward reclaiming from its savage condition or toward wresting from the aborigines to whom it originally belonged. The mother who lived to be seventy years old, saw these conditions vanish and modern comforts supplant the hardships of early days, and when her husband died, aged eighty-nine years, nine months, and eight days, progress had advanced many stages farther—the wilderness had become a flourishing agricultural district and pioneer days but a memory. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, five sons and five daughters: Mrs. Margaret Allbaugh, of Mechanicsville, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Ellison, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Joseph, of this sketch; Henry, deceased; Mrs. Martha Mackey, of Mechanicsville; Jane, who died at the age of three years; Van, of Mechanicsville; Pryor, deceased; Andrew Jackson, deceased; and Mrs. Ruth Owens, of Benton county, Iowa.

Reared amid pioneer scenes, Joseph Scott might be said to have grown up with the country, to have progressed with its progress. He enjoyed but the most meager of educational advantages; hard experience was his best teacher and her lessons of industry and frugality have never been forgotten. They enabled him to acquire a homestead of two hundred and sixty-five acres on sections 34 and 35, Greenfield township, and to retain the twenty-five acres of the old family place in Cedar county. When modern machinery and improved

methods lightened the burdens of the farmer, Mr. Scott availed himself of them, and his fields today are under as excellent a state of cultivation as are those of men of a younger generation.

In 1855 Mr. Scott married Miss Margaret Boyles, who was born April 4, 1832, and is a daughter of James and Nancy (Reed) Boyles, both now deceased. She was one of ten children, the others being: William Reed, deceased; Robert Alexander, also deceased; Thomas Jefferson, who resides in Mechanicsville, Iowa; Caroline, living near Anamosa; Scott, deceased; Lyman, deceased; James M., residing in Guthrie county, Iowa; Albert, deceased; and David, deceased. Two of the sons, Robert Alexander and James Madison were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott have also been born ten children, six sons and four daughters: James, residing in Hayes county, Nebraska, has seven children. Mrs. Laura J. Kohl lives in Mechanicsville and has five children. David W. is a resident of Laredo, Missouri. Mrs. Ruth Vanderbilt, living in Marion, Iowa, has ten children. One of her sons, Joseph, born October 13, 1882, was reared by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott. On the 21st of March, 1906, he married Miss Bertha Robinson. Margaret L., the fifth of Mr. Scott's family, lives at home. Thomas J. resides in Cedar county and has one child. G. W. lives in Mechanicsville and has three children. Joseph R., died at the age of one year, two months and twenty-seven days. Mrs. Mary A. Pfeifer, residing in Johnstown, Nebraska, has had two children, one now deceased. Frank A., the youngest of this family, lives at home.

Mr. Scott is a firm democrat in his political views and always casts his ballot at elections. He is a member of Patmos Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., of Mechanicsville, and of lodge No. 166, I. O. O. F., of the same town. With his wife and daughter Margaret he belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah and in former years was always a conspicuous figure at the social gatherings. A man who has wrested success from the most difficult of conditions, he well deserves the comforts he now enjoys. The people who have witnessed his life as it has been lived from day to day, have seen the happiness that reigned in his home, do not begrudge him his prosperity, but rather trust that the remaining years of his life will be spent in greater peace, softened by warmer friendships. Mr. Scott is not a member of any church, but his wife is a devout Presbyterian.

JOSEPH HOLUB.

One of the finest farms in Wyoming township is that owned by Joseph Holub. He was born in Austria, January 24, 1855, and is a son of John and Catherine Holub. The parents were also of Austrian birth but came to America in 1857, locating first near Canton, Iowa, where Mr. Holub secured work by the day as a laborer. Later he brought his family to Jones county, where he bought a farm and spent the remaining years of his life. His wife also died here. Five children were born to their union: Frank and Anna, deceased; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; John, who lives in Wyoming township; and Francis, deceased.

Joseph Holub was but two years of age when he came to this country and he derived his education from the public schools of this state, while working with his father on the farm. He remained with his parents until he was thirty-three years of age, when he married and bought the old homestead. This he has improved greatly since it came into his possession, until it is now commonly regarded as one of the finest pieces of property in the township, in its well tilled fields and in the excellent condition of its buildings indicating the skill and thrift of the man who owns the place. In addition to his purely agricultural pursuits Mr. Holub has engaged extensively in the raising and feeding of stock, shipping cattle and hogs to the important markets. In this branch of his business he has attained to a success commensurate with that he reaps from his farm land.

Mr. Holub has been twice married. The bride of his first union was Miss Mary Marek, who was born in Austria and was a daughter of John and Barbara Marek. Her parents came to the United States, when Mrs. Holub was a small child and are still living in Oxford Junction. One of a family of four children, through her marriage Mrs. Holub became the mother of three: Mary A., who is at home; John E., who is a graduate of the Wyoming high school and is now living at home; and Anna A., who has died. Mrs. Holub died February 24, 1892, leaving a husband and all her children to mourn her loss, and was laid to rest in the Oxford cemetery. When he married again, Mr. Holub's second wife was Miss Anna Marek, a sister of his former wife, who was born in Oxford Junction. One son, Martin L., has been born of this union. Mr. Holub and his wife are members of the Catholic church, while politically he places his reliance in the principles of the democratic party. Aside from having filled the office of road supervisor, however, he has taken no part in local affairs, although he is ever interested in the welfare of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he enjoys pleasant relations with Wyoming Lodge, No. 183, M. W. A. and also with the Owls at Oxford Junction. In the meetings of these societies he has proved himself a valued member, for he is a man who has the power to make firm friends and the abilities which secured him his success have not been wholly employed in a selfish manner.

W. M. WALTON.

W. M. Walton, one of the older farmers of Rome township, was born in Indiana, May 29, 1858, and is the son of Samuel L. and Diana (Whitesell) Walton, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of Indiana. In 1871, they came to Iowa, locating in Hale township, Jones county, but are now living in Madison township where Samuel L. Walton follows farming. Six children were born to the couple and are all living lives of usefulness and activity.

W. M. Walton received his early training for life in the common schools of his native county, and at the age of seventeen, when his parents came to this state, he began earning his living as a farm hand. For eight or nine years he obtained employment by the month, and then as the result of his industry and economy was able to rent a piece of land, which made it possible for him to

derive the entire benefits of his toil. By dint of hard work and frugality he was able in 1884 to buy part of the farm on which he lives today. As his operations have prospered he has added to the original tract until he now owns two hundred and forty-eight acres in Rome township, which is under a high state of cultivation, bespeaking the good husbandry of the man who tills the fields.

On the 15th of November, 1883, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Mrs. House who born in New York state in 1850. Her parents, George F. and Elizabeth House, were natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively, but came to Iowa in 1854 when its rich prairies of the state were being given by the government to those who would make their homes here. They located in Jones county, and upon the claim he entered Mr. House put up a shanty, without doors or windows which was to shelter his family from the elements. Jones county remained their home until death, though they had retired to the town of Olin to spend the last days of their lives. One of the four children born to her parents, Mrs. Walton has become the mother of six children and is the grandmother of an equal number. By her first marriage she had a son Franklin H., of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter, Gertrude A., who is the wife of S. W. Clymer, of Rome township. Of her marriage to Mr. Walton there have been four children born: Elsie May the wife of G. F. Garden, of this county; Leo E., of Rome township; Lewis W., and Albert N., who live at home.

Mr. Walton and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are consistent in maintaining the tenets of their faith. When called upon to exercise his franchise as a citizen of this republic Mr. Walton gives his support to the candidate of the republican party, believing firmly in the principles laid down in its platform. He is a member of the Fraternal Brothers of the World and also of the Mystic Workers, and in both organizations has made firm friends, he possessing those qualities that appeal to all mankind, awakening confidence and regard in every land and clime.

JOHN HOLUB.

John Holub, one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Wyoming township, was born in Austria, June 24, 1857, and is a son of John and Catherine (Moravec) Holub. The parents were also of Austrian birth, but came to America shortly after the birth of this son and after living for a time in Jackson county, Iowa, came to Jones county, where they passed the remainder of their days.

John Holub received his education in the schools of Wyoming township and obtained a practical knowledge of farming under his father's direction, for he early assisted in the work that was carried on at home, thereby learning lessons of industry that served him well when he engaged in business for himself. He remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age, when he married and established a home of his own. For three years he operated rented land and then purchased the place on which he is living today. It embraces

one hundred and forty acres, lying on section 31, Wyoming township, on which Mr. Holub follows diversified farming, although he gives particular attention to the raising and feeding of cattle for market. Industrious and possessing the ability to make the most of the opportunities which lie at his hand, he has won from his operations a success that is very gratifying and one which has obtained for him the confidence of his fellow agriculturists and stockmen.

It was in 1882 that Mr. Holub was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Leisen, who was born in Germany but came to America with her parents when she was but seven years of age. Five children have been born of this union: Anna K. and Elmer, deceased; Edward F. and Elsie L., who are graduates of the Wyoming high school and live at home; and Grover C., who is a pupil in the high school.

Mrs. Holub was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Holub was instructed in the tenets of the Catholic creed. Politically he has been a steadfast adherent of the democratic party. While he has never aspired to any public office, for a period of eighteen years, he rendered valuable service to the citizens of the township in the capacity of school director, for his influence was ever given to measures which had as their aim the improvement of the educational advantages. He is one of the active members of Wyoming Lodge, No. 183, M. W. A., at whose meetings he is in regular attendance.

JOHN CLINTON McCONAUGHEY.

John Clinton McConaughy, a native of Greenfield township and one of its successful farmers, was born February 1, 1875, and is a son of Ard D. and Minerva (Ernsbarger) McConaughy. The father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1837, and was about five years old when, in 1842, his parents removed to Delaware county, Ohio. In 1856 he came to Jones county, Iowa, settling in Greenfield township, about a half a mile from his son's present home. In 1861, after he had endured the hardships of the life here alone for five years, he married Miss Minerva Ernsbarger, who was born in Hancock county, Ohio, June 12, 1842. For more than four decades they traversed together in the highway of life, sharing the privations of early days and enjoying the comforts with which later years were graced, until October 19, 1905, when Mr. McConaughy died. His widow is now living in Martelle, and, at the age of sixty-seven, is one year younger than her husband when his life was ended. Six children were born to them: Francis, who died in infancy; Herbin S., of Greenfield township; George Willis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Clarence E., of Greenfield township; John Clinton, of this sketch; and Archie D., who died in infancy. The three brothers, Herbin, Clarence and John live near the old homestead and within half a mile of one another.

Reared in Greenfield township, John Clinton McConaughy early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Even through his school period he participated in the work of the home farm, and when he embarked upon his own career as a tiller of the soil he was fully versed in means

and methods of obtaining the best returns from his efforts. He has not been content, however, to follow the methods of the past alone, but as the times have advanced he has progressed, and modern buildings, up-to-date machinery and scientific agriculture have been accountable for his success. The homestead consists of two hundred and ninety-five acres, and the excellent condition of its fields bespeaks the good farming of the man who is concerned for its productiveness.

On the 22d of September, 1903, Mr. McConaughy wedded Miss Cleo V. Murfield, who was born in Greenfield township, March 2, 1884. Her father, C. W. Murfield, is one of the most prominent farmers of Jones county. He was born January 1, 1851, and on the 22d of February, 1874, he married Miss Passy Newman, whose birth occurred December 31, 1854. Ten daughters were born of this union: Ada Grace, Millie Malvina, and Lulu Elizabeth, all three deceased; Mrs. Amy Abigail Holcomb, of Greenfield township; Tracy Delia, deceased; Cleo V., Mrs. McConaughy; Mrs. Bessie Beulah Zimmerman, of Greenfield; Mrs. Ola Florence Dumont, of Greenfield; Elva, deceased; and Avenel, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McConaughy have one daughter, Tracy Geneva, who was born August 20, 1904.

In their religious views both husband and wife incline towards the church of Christ and guide their lives by its teachings. Politically Mr. McConaughy is a democrat, but has taken no part in local affairs. He has, however, been appointed treasurer of the Cherry Grove independent school district and as another proof of the position he holds in the minds of the citizens of this township was made treasurer of the Cherry Grove Telephone Company. In White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K. P., of Martelle, Iowa, he has made many sincere friends, for he has ever been found loyal and upright, and willing to assist others in the time of need.

S. A. FIRST.

One of the men of Wyoming township who has proved his skill as a farmer is S. A. First, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, May 30, 1860, and is a son of Ellis and Susanna (Brown) First. The parents were both natives of Ohio but came to this state in 1858, locating in Jackson county, where they lived for a number of years. Later they removed to Jones county, which remained their home until their deaths. They came here when the most primitive conditions prevailed and their early years were marked by hardships due to conditions which had entirely passed away at the close of their lives. Four children were born to them: B. E., who is living in Delaware county, Iowa; A. T., a resident of Oxford Junction; Elvie Etta, who is the wife of John F. W. Allen, of Wyoming township; and S. A., the subject of this sketch.

S. A. First received his education in the common schools of the county, supplemented by practical experience in farming, which he obtained at home under the guidance of his father. Until he attained his majority he remained with his parents and then started out to win his own success in life. For two

years he worked as a farm hand in the employ of others and then rented land for a period of four years. At the end of that time he felt he was in a position to purchase property, so he bought a farm in Hale township, which remained his home for four years. Upon selling that he came to Wyoming township, buying the place on which he now lives. It consists of one hundred and twenty acres, on section 34 and was only partly improved when he took possession of it. In the past twenty years Mr. First has proceeded vigorously with the work of building and cultivating so that now the place ranks high among others of its size in the township as regards value and fertility; for as arable land its yields large returns for the labor expended upon it, while it also affords a rich feeding ground for the cattle and hogs of which Mr. First makes a specialty.

On the 24th of December, 1887, Mr. First wedded Miss Sarah E. Walston, who was born in this county and is one of a family of fourteen children, her parents being W. N. and Sarah Walston. The father was a native of Ohio, but his wife was of English birth and is still living. Mr. Walston, however, was released from the cares of this world in 1909. Mr. and Mrs. First have three children: Clarence A., Mildred M. and Alice J. All are at home and the youngest is attending the high school in Wyoming. Mrs. First is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and regular in her attendance upon its services.

Mr. First has always given his political support to the republican party, never failing to cast his vote for its candidates. He has taken some part in local affairs, for he is now serving his fifth term as a trustee of the township, and for the past ten years has been treasurer of the school board. In this time he has proved that the confidence the citizens placed in his honor and ability was not unfounded, but that successful in his private concerns he is also endowed with that public spirit which makes him highly regarded in the community where he lives. Fraternally he is a member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 185, M. W. A.

W. F. HOUSTMAN.

W. F. Houstman, one of the native sons of Jones county, was born November 5, 1866, and is the son of M. H. and Agnes (Merritt) Houstman, who were among the early settlers of this locality. The father was a native of Ohio, while the mother was born in the Empire state, but in 1838 shortly after their marriage they came to Iowa. They took up a government claim in Jones county, where the father built a little cabin of logs which served his family at their first shelter in this new land. Here the parents lived until their death and here their ten children, only six of whom now survive, were started upon the journey of life.

W. F. Houstman received such an education as was obtainable by the farmers' boys of that period, working with his parents through all his school period and after his lessons were completed remaining at home to assist in the conduct of the agricultural labors that gave the family a livelihood. At the age of twenty-

one he started to make his own way in the world unaided. He began as a farmer, renting land for one year, and then went to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where for two years he herded cattle. The experience served to render him satisfied with the life of a farmer and he returned to Jones county, buying some land in Jackson township. For three years he devoted himself to the tilling of the soil and then sold his farm and engaged in mercantile business in Olin. Commercial pursuits held him for only a single year, however, and he returned to farming, renting the land which he now owns and occupies. It embraces one hundred and twenty acres, is under good cultivation and Mr. Houstman has not had reason to regret his return to agricultural life.

Desirous of starting a home of his own, Mr. Houstman wedded Miss Jennie M. House, who was born in Jones county and is the daughter of George F. and Elizabeth (Dennison) House, of whom mention is made in the sketch of W. M. Walton, in another part of this volume. Seven children were born to Mr. Houstman and his wife: Chauncey R., George M., Arthur L., Oscar J., Alta Jeanette, Edgar M., and an infant, but the second and the youngest have passed away, the eldest of the family is a student at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Houstman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have taken an active part in its work. Politically Mr. Houstman supports the republican party, feeling convinced of the wisdom of the policies it advocates. He is not active in public affairs, however, though for a period of five years he has served as a member of the school board. Industrious, unafraid of hard work, he has always been on the alert to grasp the means of attaining the greatest success. Having made trial of several other kinds of work, he has returned to farming and has found that his efforts have been generously rewarded, while the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision.

HERBIN S. MC CONAUGHEY.

One of the successful farmers of Greenfield township, who has been deeply interested in promoting the advancement of the community, is Herbin S. McConaughy. A native of this township, he was born March 25, 1866, and is a son of Ard D. and Minerva (Ernsbarger) McConaughy. The father was born June 29, 1837, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, but passed the greater part of his youth in the state of Ohio. He came to Iowa in March, 1856, and in Greenfield township married the woman who was to share his life with him. She was born in Hancock county, Ohio, June 12, 1842, came to Iowa in 1848, and is still living in Martelle. Mr. McConaughy, however, has passed away, his death having occurred October 18, 1905. Six children were born to the couple: Francis, who died at the age of eighteen months; Herbin S., the subject of this sketch; George Willis, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Earl, who lives in Greenfield township; John C., also a farmer of the same township; and Archie D., who died at the age of six months.

Herbin S. McConaughy was reared on a farm and attended the district schools, where he received a fair education to prepare him for his life's work, but the more effective training for his vocation was received from his father, who having had the experience of a lifetime was able to save the younger from many of his mistakes. Though he made the most of this instruction, Mr. McConaughy has not failed to profit by the advances that have been made in agricultural methods in the course of years. His farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on section 3, in the northeast quarter of Greenfield township, is under a fine state of cultivation. Its buildings, always kept in good repair, give evidence of the thrift of their owner, and the general appearance of the fields bespeak his skill in husbandry.

On the 28th of September, 1892, Mr. McConaughy and Miss Jennie M. Armstrong were united in marriage. James H. Armstrong, Mrs. McConaughy's father, was born in the state of New York, April 13, 1841, and came to Jones county in the year 1852. He married Miss Ann E. Brady, and their union was blessed with seven children, four daughters and three sons: Jennie, who married Herbin McConaughy of this sketch; John S., residing in Greenfield township; Eugene D., also of that township; Mrs. Mary E. Peet; Mrs. Everly Brown; Carl, of Greenfield township; and Cora G., who died at the age of sixteen years. Mr. Armstrong died August 23, 1906, but his widow is still living in Martelle. For five years Mrs. McConaughy was one of the successful teachers of Jones county and still retains her interest in the schools here. Her experience is of great assistance to her husband, who is secretary of the board of education of Cherry Grove and is active in increasing the efficiency of the local institutions of instruction.

A democrat in his political views, Mr. McConaughy is not what might be called a politician in the sense of seeking office, and yet he is sincerely interested in all measures that have as their aim the advancement of the community and for a period of four years has discharged the duties of clerk of Greenfield township to the satisfaction of the citizens who supported him. He is a member of the White Rose Lodge, No. 279, K. P., of Martelle, and has held all the offices in the order. With his wife he belongs to the church of Christ, and in accordance with its teachings orders his daily life. Upright and progressive in his ideas, he richly deserves the success with which his efforts have been attended, and the respect his life has inspired in the minds of his fellow citizens.

EUGENE R. MOORE.

Eugene R. Moore, who has been prominent in the municipal affairs of Anamosa, was born at Mount Carroll, Illinois, August 1, 1859, and is a son of Samuel Moore. His mother died when he was but twelve years of age, but his father lived until 1889 and during his active life was engaged in the furniture business. During the progress of the Civil war Samuel Moore enlisted in the Union army, although he had been born and reared in Maryland, so that his sentiments, it would seem, would be in sympathy with the cause of the Confederate states.



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The ideals of freedom and unity, however, appealed to him with a stronger force than his home training, and through the years of strife his support was valiantly given to the cause espoused by the northern states. After the conclusion of hostilities, when his country no longer needed his assistance, he returned to the civil life in Mount Carroll, Illinois, where he was able to give his son the advantages of a good education.

After completing the course prescribed by the common schools of his native town, Eugene R. Moore entered the high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877, when he was only seventeen years of age. For the next fifteen months he worked upon a farm and then engaged in teaching, although during the summer months he continued to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. After four years' experience in the rural schools he taught in the grammar department of Savanna, Illinois, coming to Iowa two years later, in 1886, to assume the principaship of the schools of Oxford Junction. The following year he was elected upon the democratic ticket as superintendent of schools for Jones county polling his first ballot in Iowa on the day on which he obtained the majority necessary to place him at the head of the educational institutions of the county. In 1889 and 1891 he was reelected to the position and then in 1892 was appointed as a member of the state normal school board at Cedar Falls. After a period of four years' efficient service he was elected by the legislature as trustee of the Feeble Minded Institution at Glenwood. His term was for six years, but at the expiration of his second year he was superseded by the board of control.

In 1894 Mr. Moore embarked in the insurance business in Anamosa, his ability and his pleasing personality rapidly winning for him a pronounced success in this field of activity. He still retains a large patronage, although since 1904 he has given his attention primarily to the *Anamosa Journal*. In the five years that he has been its editor and proprietor he has not only enhanced its value as a news and literary medium but has more than doubled its circulation, which is now two thousand, the largest of any paper published in Jones county. On many occasions, during the years of his residence in this town, Mr. Moore has represented the first and fourth wards in the city council, while he has also been a member of the school board. His service has always been marked by high ideals and fidelity to the trust imposed upon him, while his many years of practical experience as a teacher makes him a valuable addition to the body of men who have the destinies of the public schools in their hands.

At Maquoketa, Iowa, November 28, 1901, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moore and Miss Mary V. Wynkoop, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wynkoop. She is a graduate of the Bellevue high school and the Iowa state normal, and successfully engaged in teaching in the Anamosa high school from 1886 to 1888. She afterward gave excellent satisfaction as a high school principal at Savanna, Illinois, and at Maquoketa, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one son, Don Wynkoop, who was born August 22, 1904.

Throughout his life Mr. Moore has been a strong adherent of the democratic party and has always taken an active interest in politics. At present he is a member of the democratic state committee, is chairman of the democratic county committee, while he also belongs to the senatorial and congressional committees,

in which his opinion is always accorded a respect and deference that is befitting his record as a public servant. His fraternal affiliations are limited to the Knights of Pythias, but he has many stanch friends in county and state who are not bound to him by lodge ties, but those who know him intimately are unanimous in their loyalty to him as a friend.

ROBERT MELVIN PEET.

Robert Melvin Peet is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Jones county. He is also an extensive landowner, having some valuable property in this county, while his home place, pleasantly situated about five miles from Anamosa, has been in possession of the Peet family since 1840, in which year it was purchased by his grandfather. Mr. Peet was born on this farm, March 20, 1856, the second son and third in order of birth in a family of four children, whose parents were James M. and Ann (Dallas) Peet.

James M. Peet was born in Cortland county, New York, September 1, 1821, a son of Gideon and Abigail (Wildman) Peet, who came originally from Connecticut and located in Cortland county, New York. Gideon Peet was an expert mechanic but followed farming as a life work. Following his marriage he located on a farm in central New York and there reared a family of eight sons and one daughter, all of whom lived to become heads of families. It was about 1840 that Gideon Peet removed with his family to the west, for he believed that this district offered better advantages and possibilities than the older settled east. He decided upon Jones county as a suitable place to locate and accordingly went to the land office in Dubuque and entered five hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairview township, on which he took up his abode. He lived to enjoy his new home for only a brief period, his death occurring in 1842. The sons then assumed the management of the home farm for their widowed mother, whose death occurred five years later, in 1847.

Subsequent to the mother's death, James M. Peet, who was then a young man of about twenty-six years, purchased the interest of the other heirs and became sole owner of the homestead farm. Taking up his work in earnest, he prospered as the years passed by and in the course of time added to his original possessions until his holdings embraced nine hundred acres, all in Jones county. He was very methodical and systematic in carrying on his work and took great pride in keeping everything about his place in good condition, so that on five different occasions his farm won first premium for being the best managed property in Jones county.

James M. Peet was married June 5, 1845, to Miss Ann Dallas, a daughter of Robert and Isabel (Couts) Dallas, of Red Oak Grove, Cedar county, Iowa. They began their domestic life on the farm and there reared their family numbering two sons and two daughters. William G., born May 8, 1846, was married February 8, 1872, to Miss Eliza E. Saum, a daughter of George Saum, a prominent farmer of Walnut Grove, this county. William G. died December 12, 1893, leaving a widow, two sons and one daughter. Lorenda E., who was born Decem-

ber 3, 1848, died March 17, 1877. Robert M., the next member of the family, is the subject of this review. Orra D., the youngest, was born July 30, 1864, and died May 24, 1904, leaving a husband and one daughter. After a happy married life covering almost three decades, Mrs. Peet was called to her final rest on the 22d of September, 1874. In about three years the eldest daughter was called to the home beyond, and subsequently the father left the farm to the management of his son Robert M. and removed to Anamosa, where he had purchased a comfortable home. He was married a second time, July 5, 1877, to Matilda Weaver, of this city, who died some time in 1906. He passed away August 13, 1888. In his young manhood, when much of the land in Jones county was still unclaimed, he made his way to this district to brave the trials and privations incident to the establishment of a home in a new country. He could relate with interest the incidents of those early days when the homes of the settlers were widely scattered and when the thriving towns and cities of the present were then, many of them, unknown. He was a most industrious and successful man, whose probity was unquestioned and had the love and respect of all with whom he lived. He was never identified with any church organization but the Golden Rule was ever the basis of his conduct. In the highest and best sense of the term he was ever and essentially a gentleman, and at his death he stood crowned with honors and years, surrounded by a host of warm friends who gave to him the reverence that should ever be tendered to one of his years.

Robert Melvin Peet, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to habits of industry and economy, being trained in the work of the fields at an early age, while his education was begun at the usual age in the district schools near his home and therein he mastered the branches of learning that fitted him for life's duties and responsibilities. In 1877, when the father retired, Robert M. Peet assumed entire management of the homestead farm and is now the owner of this tract, to which he has since added, so that his possessions now embrace eight hundred and twenty acres, all in one body, and two hundred and sixty acres in another tract in Greenfield township, Jones county. He likewise owns two hundred and seventy-six acres in Marion township, Linn county, this state. His home place is well improved with substantial barns and outbuildings, and the house which he occupies is a modern country residence, pleasantly located about five miles from Anamosa. Mr. Peet is extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising and is numbered among the most prominent and prosperous men of his section of Jones county. His interests have at all times been thoroughly identified with those of the county and while he has prospered, his success has been gained only by strict adherence to the most honorable and businesslike methods.

Mr. Peet was married on Thanksgiving day of 1878, the date being November 28, to Miss Carrie Belle Carbee, a daughter of William and Harriet (Smith) Carbee, who were natives of New Hampshire. The Carbee family originated in England. The paternal grandparents were John H. and Anna (Powers) Carbee, who were likewise natives of the old Granite state and there they lived and died. Joel Carbee, the great-grandfather, served in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Peet were Lyman and Rachel (Heath) Smith, also natives of New Hampshire. The father, William Carbee, served in the Civil war,

becoming captain of Company H, Twenty-fourth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he lost his life at the battle of Champion Hills, May 16, 1863. The mother survived for a number of years and died in 1879, when forty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Carbee were born one son and two daughters, the brother and sister of Mrs. Peet being: Francis D., a resident of South Dakota; and Alice, the widow of H. G. Bowman, who died in 1893, leaving eight children, the family now residing in Cedar Rapids.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peet have been born six daughters and two sons. The eldest, Harriette A., is now the wife of W. F. McCarty and has two sons, Robert W. and Francis P. The other children are Orra Almeda, Minnie Alice, Bessie, Almora Louise, Florence Lorenda, James William and Robert Melvin, Jr.

Mr. Peet is a democrat in his political views and has taken quite a prominent and influential part in public affairs, being a member of the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies and also serving as a member of the board of supervisors for four years. His extensive business interests make such heavy demands upon his time and attention that he finds little opportunity for active participation in politics. He is not slow, however, in lending his influence to the cause of any worthy movement or measure instituted by his fellow citizens. His enterprising and progressive spirit has made him a typical American in every sense of the word and by constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

CHARLES WESTPHAL.

Charles Westphal, whose large farm in Wyoming township, represents the results of his own labors, was born in Germany and is a son of Adolph and Christina Westphal. They were born and reared in that land, which they could never be induced to leave although three of their four sons came to America and found homes in this county. They were Charles, the subject of this sketch; Louis, who lives in Jones county; and Henry, a resident of Wyoming township. Frederick, the third son has remained in Germany, living with his parents until their death.

It was in 1872 that Charles Westphal started upon his journey to the United States. He had received his education in the land of his birth, so that the years he has spent here have been devoted entirely to making a place for himself among his fellow citizens. On landing on our shores he went first to Chicago, where he remained six months, and then went to Clinton county, Iowa, where he stayed a year, working as a farm hand. Having acquired some familiarity with the language and customs of the country, he came in 1890, to Wyoming township, Jones county, where he purchased the farm on which he is living today. It consists of two hundred and ninety-six acres, lying on section 20, is well improved as the result of his efforts, and is cultivated with a skill that makes it productive of large harvests. In addition to his purely agricultural interests, he has given a great deal of attention to the raising and feeding of stock so

that each year sees from seventy-five to eighty of his animals shipped to the large markets. By unremitting industry he has won a substantial position among the farmers of his township, and besides having more than a competence for his own needs, he has been able to establish two of his sons in life.

While living in Chicago, Mr. Westphal wedded Miss Sophia Rice, who was born in Germany and came to this country at the same time as did her husband. Their union has been blessed with six children: Henry, Fred and Louis, all farmers in this county; and John, Charles and Matilda, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Westphal are members of the German Lutheran church and take an active interest in its work. Politically he affiliates with the republicans, that being the party to which he looked for guidance when first he was admitted to citizenship in this republic. He has aspired to no office, however, but he has served as school director, with an efficiency that was born of a desire to see the local institutions of instruction brought to the highest standard possible. By his life he has proved to his countrymen that America is the land of opportunity, for everything he possesses today is the result of his own exertions, and he maintains his right to be called one of the self-made men of this nation.

REV. CHRISTOPHER MARDORF.

The Rev. Christopher Mardorf is numbered among those whose labors have constituted a forceful and far-reaching element in the moral progress of Jones county, where he has lived and labored for more than three decades. Within this period he has put forth earnest, zealous and consecrated effort to promote the moral and spiritual progress of the community, and that his labors are bearing rich fruit is seen in the substantial growth of his church, which has not only progressed numerically but spiritually as well. He is the pastor of the German Lutheran church of Wayne township and in this connection has supervision over the parochial school, thus becoming identified with the intellectual development as well. He was born in the province of Melsungen, Hessen, Germany, April 16, 1851, and is a son of William and Christiana (Mathas) Mardorf. They spent all their lives in the land of their birth, which was also the place of nativity of their four children: Mrs. Caroline Schroeder, of Marburg, Hessen; Charley, also of that city; George, who is living in his father's home; and Christopher.

In a town of five thousand inhabitants Christopher Mardorf was reared and educated, passing from the public school to the high and normal schools, whose instruction he supplemented by four years at the Mission House. He had also learned the trade of a tanner and for a few years before he came to this country he conducted a tannery. In 1873 he came to the United States, making his way directly to Clinton county, Iowa, where he entered the Worfsburg Seminary, which is now located in Dubuque. He completed his course there in one year and August 9, 1874, was ordained a minister of the German Lutheran church. His first charge was at Solon, Iowa, where he remained until December, 1875, preaching at the same time to a congregation in Cedar Rapids. He went next to Waterloo, where he stayed until September 4, 1878, when he came to his present charge.

the Zion Conservative German Lutheran church of Wayne township. At the time of his advent his flock consisted of but sixteen members and he had only one building to serve as the parsonage, the church and the school. Now he ministers to one hundred and twenty-five souls, has built a parsonage and a schoolhouse, and has added to and beautified the church. In 1879 he had organized another little congregation in Castle Grove township, to whom he preached until 1892, when it had grown to such proportions that it could have a pastor of its own. At present Rev. Mardorf has a little church of twenty-four members in Lovell to whom he ministers every second Sunday. They have held their meetings in the schoolhouse, but now have the money saved for the erection of a church which will be built as soon as they can decide upon a suitable location. The flourishing little school he conducts in conjunction with his pastoral duties in Wayne township consumes all of his time not given to the spiritual needs of his parish, and its growth is one of the factors connected with his mission of which he is justifiably proud. A conscientious man and devoted to the best interests of his congregation he has spared no effort to improve them morally, spiritually and intellectually. One has but to enter the little building into which he gathers his people to realize that the spirit of true worship there prevails.

In 1875, Rev. Mardorf married Miss Celena Hertz, who was born in Philadelphia, September 8, 1857, and is a daughter of Henry and Florendine Hertz. Her parents were both natives of Germany, but came to this country in their youth, the father when he was only four years of age. In 1858 they came to Iowa, where Mrs. Hertz still lives, her husband having died some years ago. To Rev. Mardorf and his wife have been born seven children: George, who farms on the two hundred and forty acres he owns in Jackson township; Carl, who is the pastor of a German Lutheran church in St. Paul, Minnesota; Christoph, who is at home; Sadie in St. Paul; Christiana, who is the wife of Rev. H. Lutz, of Cullom, Illinois; and Anna and Mamie, who are at home. Consistent in practicing those virtues which he holds up to those who listen to his sermons, imbued with patience and fortitude, he has made many a life the nobler for his work.

HENRY BRAMER.

Henry Bramer, one of the younger generation of the agriculturists of Wyoming township, was born in Oxford township, Jones county, April 4, 1880, and is a son of August and Mary Bramer, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States shortly after their marriage. They located first in Jackson county, Iowa, where they lived for a time, and then removed to Jones county, where the father died. The mother, however, is still living, making her home in the village of Wyoming. Five children were born to the couple: Christ, who resides in this county; Louise, who is the wife of Louis Kukkuck, of Jackson county; Henry, the subject of this review; and two who have passed away.

After completing the course of study prescribed by the common schools of the county, Henry Bramer passed to the high school in which he finished his

education. At the same time that he prosecuted his lessons, however, he also worked upon the home farm, so that he was well fitted for farming when he embarked in business for himself on attaining his majority. For one year he rented land and then bought the place on which he now lives. It consists of one hundred and eighty-four acres on sections 16 and 21, Wyoming township, is improved and some of it well cultivated, but Mr. Bramer makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle, sheep and hogs, so that a large part of the farm is used merely as pasture land. Although still a young man, in the few years that he has devoted himself to farming he has given evidence of those qualities which are certain to win pronounced success in the course of years.

It was in 1903 that Mr. Bramer was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Holub, who was born after her parents came to this country and is one of a family of six children. They were natives of Bohemia, who sought to make their fortune in this land. The mother has passed away, but John Holub, the father, is living in Texas. To Mr. and Mrs. Bramer were born four children: one who died in infancy; Henry C.; and twins, born November 9, 1909, one deceased, and Bernice Elizabeth.

Mr. Bramer was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, while his wife received equally firm grounding in the Presbyterian creed. In his political views, he is in sympathy with the democratic party, being convinced of the value of the principles to which it gives expression in its platform as a basis for the governing of the nation. Accordingly the candidate who represents those views can always count upon his support, but for himself he has sought for no public recognition of his abilities.

J. A. TEMPLEMAN.

J. A. Templeman, who has but recently become identified with the farming interests of Rome township, was born in Anamosa, Iowa, November 29, 1879. His father, U. F. Templeman, was a native of Ohio, but in 1852 came to Iowa with his parents, who located on a farm. On the inauguration of the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served valiantly for three years and in one of the numerous battles in which he participated he was wounded in the right leg. Upon the culmination of the struggle he returned to Jones county, which remained his home for about twenty-five years. On the 24th of March, 1908, he passed away, and he was laid to rest in Anamosa. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Celia Postelwait, was a native of California and preceded him to the grave by almost a quarter of a century, her death having occurred in 1883. Three children were born to them: J. A., of this review; Alice, who has passed away; and Oliver, who is now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.

J. A. Templeman has had a varied career. Having received a good education in the grammar and high schools, he started in life at the age of sixteen, learning the trade of a painter and decorator. After three years devoted to that business he found employment as a clerk in one of the cities of California and six years

later came to Anamosa, where he clerked in a shoe store. At the end of two years he married, gave up his position and moved to the state of Washington, where for one year he operated a shoe factory. In 1908 he returned to Anamosa and the following year located on the farm in Rome township he now occupies. It embraces three hundred and twenty acres on section 29, and is only one of three pieces of land Mr. and Mrs. Templeman own. One of the two others, consisting of eighty acres, lies on section 34, Cass township, while the other, also eighty acres in extent, is in Linn county, Kansas. Mr. Templeman proposes to make a specialty of raising and feeding stock, and as his farm is well suited for that business he should find his labors well repaid.

In 1907 Mr. Templeman was united in marriage to Miss Lorenda M. Peet, who was born December 23, 1882, and is a daughter of William G. and Eliza E. (Saum) Peet, both natives of Jones county. Her father died December 12, 1893, but her mother is still living in Anamosa. They were the parents of four children: one who died in infancy; James S., of Anamosa; Lorenda, who is now Mrs. Templeman; and Truman G., of Anamosa. Mr. and Mrs. Templeman have no children.

Politically Mr. Templeman is a republican, but he has not taken any active part in public matters. He has for a number of years, however, been a member of several Masonic bodies and now belongs to the lodge at Anamosa. Acquainted with the life of a farmer from his boyhood days and broadened by his acquaintance with other walks in life, there is every reason to believe that the years will bring him success in the line of work he has so recently adopted.

L. M. and F. P. TASKER.

L. M. and F. P. Tasker, who together operate one of the fine horse farms of Wyoming township, were born near the village of Onslow and are the sons of William and Grace (Paul) Tasker. The mother was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, but the father was a native of Scotland. He came to the United States, however, in his early manhood, locating first in Ohio. While there he made the acquaintance of the woman who afterward became his wife, and in 1852 he walked from Iowa City to Jones county. In Linn county, he purchased his first farm and a few years later bought a tract of land in Jones county which remained his and his wife's home until 1875-6, which year they spent in North Carolina. When Mr. Tasker came to this country he had but very little money with him, but he was a careful business man, being able to derive a fair income from his investments, so that at his death, which occurred October 10, 1904, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, he was in comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Tasker had died a little more than a year before her husband, her death having taken place August 27, 1903. Eleven children were born to them: L. M.; J. F., who lives in Wyoming township; F. P.; Mary C., the wife of J. W. Morse, of the same township; Araminta B., the wife of Frank Henderson, now living in Virginia; and six who have passed away.

L. M. and F. P. Tasker were reared in this state and received their education in the common schools. Almost from their childhood they were initiated into the secrets of the cultivation of the soil, assisting in the work that was carried on on their father's land as soon as they were able to handle the farm implements. When they attained to manhood they decided to start in life for themselves, securing a tract of land at what is known as East Ridge. This is still a part of their property, although they have added to it from time to time, until now they own three hundred and eighteen acres, lying on sections 16 and 17, Wyoming township. On this they follow general farming, and raise a quantity of stock, which finds a ready market on account of its quality, but it is as breeders of draft horses of the Percheron strain that they are known, for their herd contains some of the finest mares in the county.

The brothers have remained unmarried, and both give their support to the republican candidates as the choice of the party in whose platform they have the greatest confidence. They have not sought any office within the gift of the people, however, although L. M. Tasker has served the township as trustee. Together they belong to the chapter of the Mystic Workers located in Wyoming.

J. F. TASKER.

J. F. Tasker, a well known farmer of Wyoming township, was born in this county, June 3, 1863, and is a son of William and Grace (Paul) Tasker. The mother was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and the father of Scotland. In his early manhood he came to the United States, settling first in Ohio, where he became acquainted with and married his wife. Shortly after their union in 1852, they came to Iowa, joining the band of those who in seeking a new home for themselves contributed to the development of the resources of that state. For a few years they lived in Linn county, where Mr. Tasker had procured land, and then came to Jones county, where they passed the remainder of their lives, save one year that of 1876, which they spent in North Carolina. When Mr. Tasker arrived in this country he was in limited circumstances, but he made the most of opportunities, so that when his death occurred, October 10, 1904, in his eighty-seventh year, he was in the enjoyment of a comfortable income. Mrs. Tasker, who shared with him the prosperity he attained, died August 13, 1903, being sixty-seven years of age. Eleven children were born to them: L. M., a farmer and stockman of this township; J. F., the subject of this sketch; F. P., who is in partnership with his brother L. M.; Mary C., who is the wife of J. W. Morse, of Wyoming township; Arnetta V., the wife of Frank Henderson, now living in Virginia; and six who have passed away.

J. F. Tasker received a fair education in the common schools of the county and throughout his youth assisted his father in the work of the farm. Until of age he remained at home, and then, having attained his majority, he embarked in business for himself. For four years he worked as a renter and then bought the place on which he is living today. It is a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Wyoming township, on which he follows general farming.

the soil being well adapted to a rotation of crops. The land is improved with buildings of substantial construction, while the fields are tilled by methods that are fully abreast of the most advanced in his calling, their appearance bespeaking the careful cultivation of the owner.

In 1888 Mr. Tasker wedded Miss Minnie Bill, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Oliver and Mary (Faucet) Bill. The former was a native of New York state, but moved to Ohio where he became acquainted with the woman he later married. She was of English birth, but had come to America with her parents in early life. The family located in Ohio, which remained Mrs. Bill's home until sometime in the early '50s, when she and her husband came to Iowa. Mr. Bill has since passed away, and his widow followed him October 30, 1909. Seven children were born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Tasker have two children: Neil R. and Robert K.

Mrs. Tasker was reared in the faith of the Methodist church and to a certain extent still continues in sympathy with that creed. Politically Mr. Tasker is a republican, but while he has served as school director for a period of twelve years, he could not be called a seeker for official preferment. Yet he is ever interested in the welfare of his fellow citizens and is ready to exert himself in their behalf. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of Wyoming Lodge No. 183.

WILLIAM GILLMAN.

For more than a half century William Gillman has lived in Jones county, taking an active and helpful interest in the work of general improvement and progress as the years have gone by. He has ever been recognized as one of the representative citizens here, a man whom to know is to esteem and respect. He is now acting as rural mail carrier on route No. 1 and resides in Rhodes. He was born in Warren county, Indiana, November 29, 1842, and in 1855, when a youth of twelve years, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Rome, Jones county, Iowa. His father, John Gillman, was born in Monroe county, Illinois, August 8, 1819, and died in Olin, Iowa, September 12, 1885, at the age of sixty-six years, one month and four days. He was but eight years old when his father died and was left an orphan by his mother's death when he was but a month old. He was the youngest of a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to mature years and raised families with the exception of one brother, who died at the age of seventeen. On the 4th of January, 1841, John Gillman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Lower, with whom he lived happily for forty-four years, seven months and twenty-eight days. There were born unto them three sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living with the exception of the oldest daughter, who died in infancy; William is the first in order of birth; Allen, the second son, resides in Oregon; Jane is the wife of Daniel Starry residing in Olin; and Jess completes the family.

John Gillman, the father, was a man of independent thought, who formed his own conclusions after the careful consideration of a vital question. He was fearless in the expression of his honest convictions and was known for his strict probity in all his dealings. He was, moreover, a kind and devoted husband and father and a good neighbor, so that he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

William Gillman, as previously stated, was in his thirteenth year when he came to Iowa and upon the frontier of Jones county he was reared, assisting in the development of the home farm. His education was acquired in the public schools and when he had arrived at years of maturity he wedded Miss Ida Rogers, their marriage being celebrated on the 19th of December, 1875. Unto this marriage were born four children, but the eldest died in infancy. Allen Benton, the next of the family, was born in Olin, February 10, 1878, and met death by accident at Cedar Rapids, February 14, 1901, when twenty-three years of age. He had prepared himself for life's work in the public schools of Olin and Rhodes and had pursued special work in the Commercial College of Des Moines. He was converted in the Methodist Episcopal church at Rhodes and was a faithful member of that denomination. Caddie, the third child, was born March 10, 1880, was educated in Olin and Rhodes and after completing the course of study in the latter place was married, on the 19th of December, 1904, to Ellis Tribley of Rhodes. They have become the parents of three children: Ruth, three years of age; and Charles Lester and Clarice Esther, twins, who were born January 7, 1907. John Rogers Gillman, the youngest son of the family, was born in Olin, January 2, 1891, was graduated from the Rhodes high school in June, 1906, and then taking up the study of pharmacy has made rapid advance therein and will soon become a registered pharmacist.

William Gillman through an active and busy life has been called to various offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He has held the position of township clerk for four years, was deputy postmaster four years and is now acting as rural mail carrier on route No. 1, in which connection his obliging manner and unfailing courtesy have rendered him very popular to the people on the line. In 1865 he joined Putnam Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., at Mechanicsville, and later transferred his membership to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, and afterward to Eden Lodge, No. 466. He is also a member of Mount Olivet commandery at Anamosa, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. He and his wife, as well as their daughter Caddie and her husband, are members of Crystal Chapter, No. 11, O. E. S. S. of Rhodes. Mr. Gillman is a republican of the pronounced type and has voted for every candidate of the party with the exception of Fremont, when he was too young to have the right of franchise. During their residence of thirty-three years in Olin, Mr. and Mrs. Gillman affiliated with the Christian church, but on coming to Rhodes fifteen years ago united with the Methodist Episcopal church. They are both people of general personal worth, having the high regard of all who know them, by reason of their many excellent traits of character and the kindly spirit which they display on all occasions.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family of which Mrs. Gillman is a representative. Her father, Frederick C. Rogers, was

born in Herkimer county, New York, May 27, 1819, and died in Olin, Iowa, March 8, 1882, at the age of sixty-two years, nine months, and eleven days. On the 14th of September, 1842, he was married to Mercy Ann Allen, of Howard, Steuben county, New York. Unto them were born the following named: Helen M., who became the wife of William Thurston in 1862; Charles E., who married Alice Barton in 1866 and resides at Boone, Iowa; Benton S., who died October 19, 1866; Julia Ann, who was born in 1848 and was married in September, 1866, to A. J. Comstock; William Henry, who died in infancy; Mary Jane, who was born March 10, 1852, and was married in 1870 to Daniel Smith; Ida, who was born April 8, 1855; Fannie M., who was born June 8, 1857, and is the wife of Columbus Rose; William Allen, who was born March 8, 1859, and died in 1880; Henry Ellsworth, who was born in June, 1862, and wedded Mary Allen. Of the father, Frederick C. Rogers, it has been truthfully said that he was a man universally respected by all who knew him, who possessed a big heart and kindly manner and, moreover, had a keen appreciation for the beautiful as well as the true and the good. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and sound judgment. His charitable nature was manifest in the assistance which he rendered to all in need who applied to him for aid. His wife, too, was a favorite in the community, esteemed and loved by her neighbors as well as her family, to whom she was most devoted. She belonged to the Christian church and died in that faith. She had become a resident of Hale township in the year 1854. Benton S. Rogers, Charles E. Rogers and their brother-in-law, Daniel Smith, were all members of Company G, Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, during the Civil war. H. E. Rogers, the youngest of the family, has resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the past sixteen years and has been honored with selection for various important offices, including that of councilman and city treasurer.

ASA W. SMITH.

The fine farm to the south of the village of Anamosa, which is the home of Asa W. Smith, is one of the attractive places of Fairview township. Bounded in part by the Wapsipinicon river and situated upon an elevation, it commands a view enjoyed by few homes in its vicinity, for up and down the course of the river, and over well tilled fields and shady woods the eye may travel and be refreshed. Although this tract has been Mr. Smith's possession for almost a quarter of a century, it is only within the last five years that he has taken up his residence upon it and been numbered among the agriculturists of the township. He was born in Ashland county, Ohio, December 7, 1867. His father was also a native of that state, where for years he followed farming. He married Miss Mina Newkirk, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Reuben Newkirk. They became the parents of three children: Asa W., of this sketch; Josephine, who married Jones Freeman, of Independence, Iowa; and Jessie L., who is living in Anamosa. Mr. Smith died when his son was but three years of age and his widow with her children came to Jones county, locating in Anamosa.

It was in 1869 that Asa W. Smith came with his mother to Anamosa, where he made his home throughout his youth and through many years of his young manhood. He attended the public schools there until he reached the age of sixteen, when he entered upon his own career as a man of business. Stock first commanded his interests, and for about thirteen years he was engaged in shipping horses to North Dakota, his operations in this field of activity being the outgrowth of his early employment in a livery in the town. Twenty-two years ago he purchased his farm, of three hundred and twenty-six acres, and has prepared one hundred and forty acres of this for agricultural purposes, the rest being pasture and timber land. As he won success in business and ever looked forward to the day when he might own a tract of his own and during the five years he has followed farming, he has met with most excellent success. He possesses the skill of the born husbandman, but he is also endowed with the love of nature and of life in the outdoors. Since exercising his right of franchise he has steadfastly given his support to the republican candidate, for he feels in greater sympathy with its principles, but he has evinced no desire to enter the arena of public affairs. He enjoys the respect of many friends, who coming to know him intimately esteem him highly for the man he is.

ALVA BENJAMIN CAFFEE.

Alva Benjamin Caffee belongs to that type of energetic, industrious and persevering men who through their own well directed efforts in business lines are meeting with substantial success. A native of Jones county, Iowa, he was born two miles south of Fairview on the 12th of November, 1853, a son of John and Eliza Ruth (Reid) Caffee. The father was one of the early settlers of Fairview township, where he located in 1840, entering land from the government and continuing to make his home thereon until his death. He was a brick-maker by trade and made the brick used in the state buildings at Iowa City, which were erected in 1837 and 1838. It was in the fall of 1838 that the mother of our subject came to Fairfield township where her brother, Calvin Reid, had located the previous spring. He was a millwright in the employ of the government and constructed a bridge and dam across the Wapsipinicon river just above the location of the present bridge. Miss Reid was married to Mr. Caffee at Iowa City in 1839, and unto this union were born six children, namely: Mrs. Vesty, sixty-seven years of age, who was formerly the wife of Ben Holden, a soldier who was killed in the Civil war; Ezra Delos, sixty-six years of age, residing in Washington; Thomas Jefferson who, at the age of sixty-two years, is living in Sioux City, Iowa; Frances Langstaff, who passed away at the age of thirty years; Alva Benjamin, of this review; and John Calvin, who was forty-six years of age at the time of his demise.

In the township of his nativity Alva Benjamin Caffee spent the first twenty-six years of his life, the days of his boyhood and youth being passed under the parental roof. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the district schools and after laying aside his text-books he remained at home, giving his father the bene-

fit of his assistance, until he attained years of maturity. In 1881 he went to northeastern Nebraska, where he resided for eleven years, being engaged during that time, in agricultural pursuits, and at the expiration of this period removed to Missouri where he made his home for two years. He then returned to Jones county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Martelle, where he has since continued to reside. After his return to Iowa he engaged to some extent in agricultural pursuits, but at present is confining his attention entirely to buying and selling live-stock, his operations in this field of activity being both extensive and successful. He possesses excellent business ability, is careful and discriminating in the management of his affairs and through close application and intelligently directed energies has won a most creditable place among the business men of Martelle.

Mr. Caffee was united in marriage in 1877 to Miss Cassie G. Belden, a daughter of Dr. G. W. and Louisa (Hotchkiss) Belden, of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Unto this union have been born four children, as follows: Gladys, the wife of John Ireland; Alta, who wedded Charles Darsee; Alva Belden, who married Evelyn Harn; and Olive, residing at home. In his fraternal relations Mr. Caffee holds membership in White Rose Lodge, N. 279, K. P., of Martelle, and has held all of the offices in that order. His fellow citizens, recognizing his sterling worth, honored him with election to the office of mayor. During his incumbency in office he gave the town a businesslike, progressive and beneficial administration, inaugurating various needed reforms and improvements, the excellent performance of his duties being a source of honor to himself and of credit to his constituents. He is at present acting as a member of the board of education, Martelle possessing a very good, up-to-date graded school. Preeminently public spirited in his citizenship, he at all times has the best interests of the community at heart and the record which he has made for himself during his residence in Martelle is such as has gained for him the unqualified respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

HERMAN BROCKMAN.

Herman Brockman, who has the distinction of being the oldest man in Jones county, is now living in the little town of Martelle, Greenfield township, where his wants are ministered to by his daughters Catherine and Josephine. He was born in Prussia, December 14, 1823, and is the son of Anton and Elizabeth Berg. The parents are both dead as are his three sisters and three brothers, viz: Anton, Frank, Mrs. Elizabeth Droll, Mrs. Dina Droll, Mrs. Josephine Voss and Theodore.

In his Prussian home Herman Brockman learned the tailor's trade, which he followed there and in the many cities he visited when he started to make a place for himself in the world. At the age of twenty-seven he went to Paris, France, and three years later sailed for America. On the 22d of May, 1854, he arrived in Iowa City, which remained his home for nine years. He next went to Solon, Iowa, and one year later moved to Lisbon, where he made his home for two years. He moved next to Chicago, but after two years' residence returned to Iowa, locating in Lisbon, where he lived until 1883, when, on August 19, he came

to Martelle, which has since been his home and the home of his daughters Catherine and Mrs. Josephine Cech. The latter, besides caring for her aged father with a devotion that excites the deepest admiration of all who know of her, conducts the Hotel Brockman, the principal hostelry of Martelle. Hospitable in their reception of guests, they are kind and charitable to a fault, and no case of need comes to their attention but receives alleviation from their hands.

In Brokal, Germany, November 21, 1851, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brockman and Miss Francisca Berghana. For almost sixteen years Mrs. Brockman fulfilled the duties of a devoted wife and mother, and on the 22d of July, 1867, at Lisbon, was released from the cares of this world. She left several children, the care and rearing of whom fell in large part upon the eldest daughter Catherine. She was born in Neiheim, Germany, October 22, 1852, and is now residing in Martelle, where she assists in the conduct of the Hotel Brockman. Frank was born in Iowa City, November 19, 1854, and died September 4, 1855. Herman, Jr., and Lena were twins, born September 18, 1856. Lena died five days after birth, but Herman grew to manhood and is living in Martelle. On the 29th of November, 1893, he wedded Miss Augusta M. Zachary, whose parents settled in Linn county, Iowa, about forty-four years ago. They lived to be about eighty-one years of age and at their death were buried in Oak Shade cemetery, Marion, Iowa. Mrs. Herman Brockman, Jr., has also passed away, her death having occurred April 4, 1906, in Anamosa, and is buried in Marion. Mrs. Brockman was a faithful wife, mother and neighbor, loved by all who knew her, and was always ready to help where she was needed. She left two daughters, Mary Magdalene, born March 15, 1900, and Catherine Regina, born August 15, 1902, who live with their father in Martelle. Frank, the second of Mr. Brockman's children of that name, was born April 18, 1858, and died May 30, 1861. Lena, the second of that name, was born July 18, 1859, and died February 11, 1862. Anna was born October 15, 1860, and died March 26, 1862. Louisa was born February 11, 1862, and lives in Tama, Iowa. She was twice married. Her first husband, Charles O'Neal, died in 1891, leaving her with five children: Herman, Edmund, Josephine, Charley and Freddie. In 1901 she married John Hackett and they have two children: Irene and Frances. Josephine, the eighth of Mr. Brockman's family, was born in Chicago, December 6, 1865, and November 12, 1887, married John Cech. Two daughters were born of this union: Mrs. Isadore McDonnell, of Martelle, who has a daughter, Margaret, aged seven, and a son, Leo, aged five; and Mrs. Frances Thompson, of Martelle, who has three children: Wilhelmina, aged five; Gretta, three and a half years old; and Harold, two years old. Mary M., the youngest of this large family, was born at Lisbon, Iowa, April 26, 1867. She was married, September 19, 1891, to Michael Walsh, and they live in North Yakima, Washington.

All the members of this family have been reared in the Catholic faith and are all living useful lives, but Catherine and Mrs. Cech have especially endeared themselves to the citizens of Martelle. They have devoted their lives to caring for others, for their father, for their brother Herman and his orphaned daughters, and for all, in fact, who are in need. Four generations gather around their fireside, and the happiness of the youngest seems to repay these noble women for all their toil. As she looks back over the long stretch of years, many incidents

stand forth in Miss Catherine Brockman's mind as momentous or awe-inspiring. One of these was the day when, still a young girl, she and her brother Herman viewed the remains of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president and the free-man's friend, as they lay in state in Chicago. Many are the changes that have transpired since she came to Iowa. They have left their impress upon her character and made her one of the noblest women of Martelle, whose life though lived silently and unostentatiously, has not been without its compensations.

JOHN NEELANS.

In a history of Jones county mention should be made of John Neelans, one of the prosperous and substantial farmers and highly respected citizens of Clay township, who claims Ireland as the place of his nativity, his birth there occurring in September, 1842. His parents were James and Martha (Warnic) Neelans, natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Derry in 1779, while the mother's birth occurred in 1799. There they were married in 1819 and reared their family of seven children. In 1850, thinking to obtain better opportunities for business advancement in the new world, the father crossed the Atlantic and landed in New York on the 12th of July, that year, and from there made his way to Pennsylvania. His wife, however, who had suffered a severe sunstroke during the journey, lived for only a week after their arrival in Easton, Pennsylvania, leaving her husband and seven children to mourn her loss. James Neelans, who had followed the occupation of farming prior to his coming to the new world, was well along in years at the time of his arrival in America, having already reached the seventy-first milestone on life's journey. The sons, however, most of whom had attained man's estate, obtained employment in the coal mines of Pennsylvania and cared for him and kept the family together for a number of years. Six years after leaving Ireland the father passed away in the Keystone state, his remains being laid to rest in Mauch Chunk. One son, Robert, lost his life in the coal mines while later another son, James, was killed in an explosion in the powder mills of Harford, Pennsylvania. Rachel, the youngest member of the family, became the wife of George Maddock, of Connecticut, and died in 1908, her remains being interred in Thompsonville, that state. Samuel, another son, now makes his home in Connecticut.

John Neelans was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States and the remaining years of his boyhood and youth were passed in Pennsylvania. When only nine years old he had the misfortune to lose his left leg, and was therefore debarred from many of the activities engaged in by other lads. Something of his determination of spirit, however, was manifest in the fact that when about twenty years of age he stood on his one leg and chopped cord wood until he had earned one hundred and thirty dollars with which to purchase an artificial limb. He started out in business for himself at the age of twenty-two years, with a capital of but one dollar, obtaining employment with the Old Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, and remained with that company continuously for twelve years, a fact which indicates clearly

his ability, faithfulness and trustworthiness. At the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, residing in a house belonging to John Dennison. At the end of a year he was so pleased with the country and the opportunities offered in this state that he purchased his present farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres, at first investing in one hundred and twenty acres and latter adding another tract of fifty-one acres. His fields today are under an excellent state of cultivation, for he has made a close study of agriculture, is systematic, methodical and progressive in his methods and manifests a business ability and careful management of his affairs that have gained him a high place among the substantial and prosperous farmers of the township.

It was on the 25th of November, 1869, that Mr. Neelans was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Watkins, who was born in Wales on the 22d of June, 1850, a daughter of John Watkins. Unto this union have been born three children, namely: Lottie J., born on the 4th of November, 1870; John, whose birth occurred on the 20th of January, 1872, and who passed away July 5, 1877; and James, who passed away in infancy. On the 27th of May, 1906, Mr. Neelans was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife and the daughter has since taken charge of the home and is keeping house for the father.

In politics he is a stalwart supporter of the democracy, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as an elder for almost twenty years. A gentleman of excellent morals and high principles, his record has ever measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood and he ranks foremost among the valued and respected citizens of the community. Starting out in the business world empty-handed and physically handicapped, the struggle for success was hard and oftentimes discouraging, and only at the expense of a vast amount of energy, diligence, perseverance and good management has he attained to his present gratifying measure of success, few meriting in greater degree the proud American title of a self-made man.

JOHN H. ANTONS.

John H. Antons, who at the time of his death was one of the most substantial and well-to-do farmers of Scotch Grove township, was one of those representative American citizens who claimed Germany as the land of their nativity and who in the new world found opportunity for advancement and progress. He was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, in 1830, and was therefore seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on the 10th of November, 1908. Reared in the fatherland, he was there educated and married, and came to the United States in 1881, attracted by the advantages here offered for advancement in business lines. Upon arriving in this country he came direct to Jones county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Wayne township, where he was engaged in agriculture until 1892. In that year he removed to the present home farm in Scotch Grove township, lying about one mile north of Center Junction, upon which he resided until his demise. It consisted of two hundred

acres of land which, under his careful management, was brought under a fine state of cultivation, becoming one of the most highly improved and valuable farming properties in Jones county. Industrious and energetic, he was one of those sturdy Germans who know no such word as fail, and who brook no obstacles that can be overcome by diligence and perseverance. Arriving in the United States a poor man, he steadily worked his way upward in the business world until he had amassed a very comfortable fortune and ranked among the progressive and well-to-do farmers of the county, earning and well deserving the proud American title of a self-made man. Although he won most gratifying prosperity in the business world, it all came to him as the result of well directed efforts, unswerving integrity and honest and upright methods, and his life record is but another indication of the fact that success and a good name can be won simultaneously.

Before leaving the fatherland Mr. Antons was united in marriage to Miss Gesche Catherine Johnson, who still survives him and makes her home on the old farm. In their family were six children, namely: John and Gerhard, operating the home farm; Sophia, the wife of John Stahlberg, of Scotch Grove township; Henry, residing in Delaware county, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of Charles Teten, of Laurel, Nebraska; and Anna, who married John Radloff and resides in Madison township, Jones county. The two eldest sons who are now managing the home farm, are very skilled agriculturists, progressive and up-to-date in their farming and business transactions. Upon their place are found only the best breeds of stock and the consensus of public opinion accords them a foremost place among the enterprising and substantial farmers and stock raisers of the county. They are stalwart republicans in their political allegiance and are members of the German Lutheran church, both standing very high in the community where they have resided for almost two decades. The younger of the two, Gerhard, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lurkens, of Scotch Grove township, and unto this union have been born four children, namely: Gesche Catherine, Maria Christina, Ann Margaret and John Henry.

PHILIP KUHNS.

Few of the men of Jones county can show a life of longer and greater usefulness and productive of a more bountiful share of wealth and property, entirely the result of his own efforts, than can Philip Kuhns, who has now retired from the active pursuits of agriculture although he continues his residence upon his farm in Scotch Grove township. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1823, and was a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Felger) Kuhns, who were of German ancestry, but for more than a century and a quarter the family has been connected with the life and history of the new world, for the paternal grandparents came to America in that year of 1776, which is memorable as being the period at which the colonies asserted their right to free government and the republic given its first impetus toward growth. The parents of our subject lived

and died in the county which was the birthplace of their son, but of the seven children born to them Philip Kuhns is the only survivor.

Philip Kuhns had advanced well along the highroad of life before he left the state of his birth and took up his residence in Jones county. In those years of his young manhood he enlisted in the army that carried on the Mexican war, serving under General Scott. Of the many engagements in which he participated during that struggle, the one that has gained the greatest fund of memories was the siege of Pueblo which lasted twenty-eight days, before the enemy succumbed to the onslaught of the American troops. It was in 1860 that Mr. Kuhns came to Jones county, settling in Scotch Grove township, where he purchased a tract of land. This he greatly improved in the course of years, and as he was able added to it until now he owns over one thousand acres in this township. While much of his time was devoted to purely agricultural pursuits he was always a heavy feeder and shipper of cattle and other stock, winning a wide reputation as a man of good judgment in his estimate of the quality of animals, and of integrity in his business negotiations.

On the 17th of May, 1849, Mr. Kuhns was united in marriage to Miss Savilla Rugh, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1831. For more than three score years the couple have passed along life's highway together, sharing alike its joys and its sorrows. Four children were born to them: Elizabeth, William R., Joseph A. and John L. The eldest has passed away, and the two older sons are residing in this township. All his life Mr. Kuhns has been an advocate of the principles of the republican party and has not infrequently taken part in public affairs, although he was never a conspicuous aspirant for popular distinction. Fraternally he enjoys membership in the Monticello Lodge, No. 173, A. F. & A. M. and has lived in accordance with the teachings of the Presbyterian church of which he was a member. He has always been a man of honor and integrity and has gained the confidence, respect and good will of all those with whom he has been associated.

F. D. HOLCOMB.

F. D. Holcomb, a well known farmer of Greenfield township, was born in Mount Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, November 17, 1863. His parents, D. C. and Sarah J. (Pierce) Holcomb, lived on a farm in that county for a number of years and then removed to Greenfield township, Jones county, where they secured a homestead on which their son now resides. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Addie Smith; F. D., of this review; Eds and Ed, both residents of Fairview township, this county; Fred, a twin brother of Eds, now deceased; Anna, also deceased; Charles, a resident of Linn county; Harry, who makes his home in Greenfield township; and J., also a resident of Greenfield; and K., deceased.

F. D. Holcomb was but nine years of age when his parents removed from Linn county to Jones county, and was fourteen when they purchased the farm on which he now resides. As the eldest son in the family he early assisted in the work of the farm, attending the district school when the inclemency of the

weather made outdoor work impossible. He acquired a fair education, nevertheless, and obtained a broad practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits that has stood him in good stead since starting out in life for himself. The old home farm embraces two hundred and seventy-seven and a half acres and is one of the well improved tracts of Greenfield township.

On the 7th of February, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Holcomb and Miss Lota Celia Newman, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Spade) Newman, and a sister of W. J. Newman, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Unto them was born one child, Myron DeWane, who was born December 19, 1904, and died January 28, 1908. He enjoyed the distinction of having been the first initiated into the King's Sons of the Baby Band of Iowa, in October, 1907, in Davenport.

Fraternally Mr. Holcomb is connected with the Knights of Pythias, being a prominent member of White Rose Lodge, No. 279, of Martelle, and with his wife holds membership in the Pythian Sisters. Since attaining his majority he has been a stalwart supporter of the republican party and also takes an active interest in political affairs although not an office seeker. He has, however, been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust, having efficiently served as a member of the school board and as treasurer of the Laurel Hill district. By far the greatest honor that has been conferred upon Mr. Holcomb in testimony of the esteem in which the citizens of the community hold him, was his election to the office of mayor of the village of Martelle, and never were the reins of city government in more capable hands. A man of high principles and progressive ideas, his administration should have significance in the annals of the town. His religious support is given to the church of Christ, in which both he and his wife hold membership.

LEWIS KOHL.

Among the native sons of Greenfield township who are still working diligently for her progress in agricultural lines is numbered Lewis Kohl, who was born on the parental homestead July 19, 1864, a son of Amos and Maria (Grimm) Kohl. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Mary Kline, Henry, Will, Mrs. Nettie Hempty, Lewis, Mrs. Emma Stearns, Mrs. Tena Melton, Charles and Mrs. Minnie Fink.

Reared upon the homestead farm, Lewis Kohl early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits and received a fair education in the schools of the locality. When he engaged in farming on his own account he procured one hundred and six acres of the best land in Greenfield, and there has toiled early and late, obtaining a handsome competence. His farm is well improved and presents to the view a gratifying expanse of carefully tilled fields, and a collection of buildings modern in their construction, and in the good repair in which they are maintained evincing the thrift of their owner.

On the 6th of April, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kohl and Miss Addie Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller. Their union has been blessed

with three children: Clarence, who has just attained his majority; Ethel, who was twenty on the 5th of August, 1909, and is the wife of William Bailey; and Amos, who is a young man of sixteen years.

Mr. Kohl is a member of the Evangelical church, while he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has ever evinced a great deal of public spirit and for twenty years has served his township as one of the school board and is at present a trustee. Progressive in his ideas, high principled in his acts, his part in the administration of the local affairs has been such as to command the appreciation of the citizens.

JAMES L. CARPENTER.

James L. Carpenter, one of the successful farmers of Clay township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, was born in this county, August 15, 1857, and is a son of Salem T. and Jane T. (Hall) Carpenter. The parents were both natives of Herkimer county, New York, where the father's birth occurred May 24, 1819, and the mother's in the year 1824. After their marriage the couple moved to Ohio, where they lived for about three years, and then in 1852 came to Jones county, where Mr. Carpenter secured eighty acres of timber and prairie land. He was a shoemaker by trade, but after taking up his residence here he forsook his calling, and for several years worked in the saw-mill for Walters & Eckley, while he rented the land he had purchased. Later he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and with a success that attracted the admiration of his fellow workers. He also entered into the spirit of the public about him; became concerned for their welfare and for several terms administered the duties of township trustee with an efficiency that proved both his capabilities and the high purposes that guided his life. He was a republican in his political sympathies, and a Free Will Baptist in his religious beliefs. Mrs. Carpenter had passed away in 1873, but her husband survived her for almost twenty years, for his useful life was not brought to a close until 1892. Two children were born to the couple: Mrs. Fannie J. Kerr, who was born in 1849 and is now residing in Colorado; and James L., the subject of this sketch.

James L. Carpenter was reared under the parental roof, receiving ample instruction in the practical affairs of life there, while he received a good education in the common schools of Clay township. Since he was twenty years of age he has devoted his time assiduously to agricultural pursuits which he regarded as his vocation, having during previous years learned the best methods of tilling the soil while he was at home assisting his father. In 1890 he purchased eighty acres adjoining the old homestead, which he operated in conjunction with his own tract until the death of his father. Then he sold it and moved to Dallas county, this state, where he bought some property, but not being satisfied with the place, sold his landholdings and returned to Jones county in 1895, taking up his residence upon the eighty acres he had first bought. In 1902 he purchased the one hundred and sixty acres where he now lives and works, although he did not make it his home until four years later, when he sold his

first tract. Since 1906 he has pursued a general line of agriculture upon its spacious fields, finding his industry and progressive ideas well repaid in large harvests and an income that is more than a competence for his needs. This success is but an adequate return for his labor, for he has spared no effort in bringing his farm to a high state of cultivation nor to improve the grounds in every way.

On the 25th of January, 1879, Mr. Carpenter was joined in wedlock to Miss Hannah Ralston, a daughter of Elam Ralston, of Jackson county. He and his wife were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Iowa. He was a miller by trade, and followed that calling throughout his life. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Leon J., whose birth occurred January 8, 1880, and they have reared a niece, Hannah Ralston. She was born in January, 1889, and is a daughter of Uriah Ralston, a brother of Mrs. Carpenter. As her mother died when she was four years old, she was then taken by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, who have bestowed upon her all the love, care and comforts of a home. Like her foster brother she received an education in the public schools.

Mr. Carpenter has always affiliated with the republican party, taking an active interest in local affairs, and he served for several years as township trustee and assessor. The performance of his duties was marked by his devotion to the needs of his constituents and by the same care and good management which distinguished his private business operations. His allegiance in religious matters is given to the Baptist church.

M. P. CONWAY.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and successful business men of Anamosa was M. P. Conway, now deceased, a merchant who in 1895 established what is known as the New York Store. The development of the business along well defined lines of trade was indicative of the keen discernment and close application of the owner, who won success by diligence and straightforward dealing. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1865, his parents being James and Mary (Jorden) Conway, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In early life they bade adieu to the Green Isle of Erin and sailed for the United States. They were married in Pennsylvania, where they lived for many years. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in the Keystone state until about 1864, when he removed to Jones county, Iowa, and settled on a tract of land near Anamosa, giving his attention for a long period to its further development and cultivation. He died in 1880 at the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife, who still survives, is now a resident of Missouri. Mr. Conway was twice married, his first union being with Mary Kane, while for his second wife he chose Mary Jorden. By the last marriage there were two children, the daughter, Anna Conway, becoming the wife of A. D. Cochran, a resident of Warren county, Missouri, and they have two children, Wilma and Margaret.

M. P. Conway was but seventeen years of age when he assumed the responsibilities of life and for about two years he worked as a farm hand in the neigh-

borhood of his old home. He had previously mastered the elementary branches of learning and later he reentered school, completing a course in a commercial college. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for two years and at the end of that time he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the employ of J. C. Green, of Stone City, Iowa, with whom he remained for a year. He was next engaged as manager by a company operating stone quarries at Wasioja, Minnesota, where he continued for two years and entered the service of the Savannah Stone Company at Savannah, Missouri. That he capably represented the company in the discharge of the duties which were entrusted to him is indicated in the fact that he finally became a partner and retained an interest in the business for about three years. In the autumn of 1895 he came to Anamosa and engaged in the dry-goods business, establishing what is now known as the New York Store, a general mercantile enterprise, the stock including dry goods, clothing and men's furnishings. He was careful in making selection of goods to anticipate the wishes and wants of the general public and his patrons found in him a courteous and obliging merchant whose prices were reasonable and whose business methods were honorable.

On the 1st of August, 1906, Mr. Conway was united in marriage to Miss Mary McNamara, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McNamara, both natives of Jones county, Iowa, and to this union was born one son, James. Mr. Conway was a member of Anamosa Lodge, No. 167, M. W. A., the Mystic Workers, the Foresters and the Knights of Columbus. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church, in which he was reared and to which he always adhered. His political belief was in accord with the principles of the democratic party and in 1907 he served as a member of the city council. He manifested a progressive citizenship whether in office or out of it and was ever loyal to the best interests of the community. That he prospered in his undertakings is indicated in the fact that he became owner of one of the leading stores of Anamosa and also of a valuable farm in Cass township. His life was well spent and his record proves that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously.

J. F. LIVINGSTON.

J. F. Livingston is one of the well known cattle shippers not only of Madison township, in which his two hundred acre farm lies, but of Jones county as well. He was born on the place where he now resides October 23, 1859, and is the son of John F. and Margaret (Ferguson) Livingston. The parents were both born in Scotland, where they were reared and married, and in 1853 came to the United States. The father's brother William, had preceded him to this country by about a year and in Madison township had taken up a claim for himself and one for John F. Livingston. Upon the latter's arrival in this country he entered this land, prepared it for farming and resided upon it until his death, which occurred in 1872. His widow survived him more than twenty-one years.

J. F. Livingston, of this review, was reared at home and in the public schools acquired his education. He was but thirteen, however, when his father died and

at that tender age was compelled to assume some of the responsibility in the management of the home farm. He continued to work in partnership with the other members of the family until he became of age, when the estate was settled and he and his brother William bought the place from the remaining heirs. In 1890 Mr. Livingston was able to buy his brother's interest in the land and since that year has been conducting the farm for himself. He also purchased sixty acres in Scotch Grove township. For the past nineteen years he has engaged extensively in the buying and shipping of stock and has found the business very profitable. His animals are of fine grade and every year has seen increase in number and quality, until now he enjoys the reputation of being one of the largest and best known cattle men of this section of the state.

On the 19th of September, 1883, Mr. Livingston wedded Miss May McNeily, of Jackson township, this county. Of this union there have been born five children: Laura Bell, the eldest, has become the wife of John Alexander and lives in Scotch Grove township. Anna remains at home. Daisy married Arthur Corey and lives in Carsonville, Michigan. Myrtle is attending business college at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Frank E., the youngest, is still at home.

In political matters Mr. Livingston looks for guidance to the republican party, and while not active in its ranks has served the township as road supervisor and as school director at different times. He belongs to the Center Junction Lodge, No. 711, I. O. O. F., and to the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at the same place, and has made many warm friends among his fraternal brothers, in whose welfare he has always been interested. With his wife and daughters he attends the services of the Presbyterian church, and like them puts into daily practice the teachings that are impressed upon him on Sundays. Frugal, industrious and guiding his life by high principles, Mr. Livingston enjoys the good will and respect of his fellow citizens he so richly deserves.

WILLIAM MONCRIEF.

One of the well known and highly esteemed families of Scotch Grove township is that to which the four Moncrief boys belong. They have made a reputation for themselves as extensive breeders and raisers of shorthorn cattle, and also as being worthy sons of a noble father, William Moncrief, who, during his life, was one of the successful farmers of this township. He was born in Ireland in 1827, and was reared in the land of his birth. Throughout his youth, however, his imagination had been fired with the accounts of the opportunities that awaited the ambitious young man in America and he was but seventeen years of age when, in 1844, he sailed for the United States. After crossing the Atlantic he spent two years in New York state, where he obtained employment in steel mills, and then went to Pittsburg, where he found similar work for a number of years. In 1853 he came west to Iowa, locating in Jones county. For ten years he farmed as a renter, and then purchased forty acres of arable land. In 1863 he sold that and bought eighty acres of the present Moncrief homestead, to which he removed and on which he spent the remaining years of

his life. At the time of his death, however, the original farm had tripled in area, and a tract of two hundred and forty acres was his, one of the valuable farms of Jones county, which the sons now successfully operate in connection with their stock business.

On the 22d of May, 1862, William Moncrief was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Carson, a native of Scotland. Seven children were born of this union, namely: William J., Margaret, Robert, Charles, Samuel, Sherman and Belle. The eldest is engaged in the real-estate and live stock business in Anamosa, and the older daughter is the wife of Edward F. Rice, of Monticello. The four youngest sons operate the homestead in conjunction, while Robert and Charles are extensively engaged in the buying and shipping of stock, being among the well known men who are interested in that field of activity in Jones county. The four boys make a specialty of breeding and raising shorthorn cattle of high grade, and as they are endowed with the manly qualities that make for success in any operations they have attained a prosperity that is both gratifying to themselves, and, as a record of what may be accomplished through the persistent application of industry and good management, an example to other young men who are ambitious of being ranked among the leading agriculturists of their locality.

William Moncrief was released from the cares of this world, April 4, 1906, while his wife passed away November 16, 1885. The influence of his life, nevertheless, still survives, and his memory is potent in upholding those ideals of progress, honor and integrity, which were the guiding motives of his daily work.

CHARLES E. KOHL.

Charles E. Kohl is one of the native farmers of Greenfield township whose industrious toil has contributed materially to the agricultural prosperity of his part of the county. He was born June 9, 1873, on the old homestead which his parents, Amos and Maria (Grimm) Kohl, had secured in 1864 shortly after they came to Iowa. They have since passed away, but the large family they reared still live, many of them in Greenfield township, where they are engaged in farming. The children were Mrs. Mary Kline, Henry, Will, Mrs. Nettie Hempty, Lewis, Mrs. Emma Stearns, Mrs. Tena Melton, Charles and Mrs. Minnie Fink.

Charles E. Kohl passed his boyhood days upon the paternal place, and under the guidance of his parents not only learned those practical lessons in farming but obtained the equally important instruction in the principles by which he should order his life. Training in the rudimentary branches of English education he received in the little school of his district in the few months in the year when his services were not required on the farm. Desultory, perhaps and incomplete as this instruction may have been it pointed the way to success in his work, for in addition to the four hundred and forty acres on which he makes his home, Mr. Kohl owns two hundred acres in Cedar county, a goodly landholding to show as the result of his own efforts. His fields are all under excel-

lent cultivation, whether he himself has directed the work or those to whom he has intrusted it. Progressive in his ideas, he has spared no effort to increase the efficiency of his methods of agriculture, and in consequence is well repaid for his labor.

On the 2d of April, 1896, Mr. Kohl wedded Miss Belle Andre. Her father Reuben Andre, is a resident of Mechanicsville, but her mother, who was Miss Mary Kelsey in her maidenhood, died in 1908. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl; Lulu, a young miss of twelve years; Grace, aged ten; Earl, seven years old; Gladys, aged four, and Darrell, only three years old.

Mr. Kohl belongs to the Evangelical Association of Greenfield, and in political matters gives his allegiance unswervingly to the democratic party, feeling assured of the soundness of its principles as enunciated in the platform and expounded by its leaders. He is a member of the Mechanicsville lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN GORMAN.

John Gorman, for almost a half century a resident of Jones county, during much of which time he was connected with general agricultural pursuits, owning and cultivating two hundred and eighty acres of rich land was throughout that period classed with the respected and representative residents of this part of the state. He was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1819, and after spending his youthful days on the Emerald isle came to America in 1847. For a year he remained in Pennsylvania where he enlisted in the United States regular army, being stationed at the Waterville arsenal in New York for two years and nine months. On the expiration of that period he received an honorable discharge and was paid with a land warrant. While in New York he was married in West Troy to Miss Mary Rooney, who was born in the city of Sligo, Ireland, and came to America in 1850.

Removing to the middle west Mr. Gorman located near Chicago, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he engaged in farming for eight years. This property is now within the city limits, its southern boundary being Randolph street. Mr. Gorman subsequently traded the land for a drove of cattle, and in 1857 took a contract for the construction of seven miles of the air line railroad. Subsequently he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land in Hale township, Jones county, and for more than a third of a century thereafter devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and adding to his place all of the equipment and accessories of a modern farming property. In 1862 however he left the old homestead and took up his abode in Anamosa, Iowa, where he resided until called to his final rest January 5, 1905. His wife died in Anamosa, July 17, 1903. Through all the period in which he made Jones county his home he was respected as a man of good business ability and enterprise, reliable, methodical and accurate. Moreover while he lived a quiet, unostentatious life he was loyal in duties of citizenship and ever championed the best interests of the community.

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